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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Small Mercy

ANYTHING calculated to relieve the heavy handicaps imposed on the Colony's trade and industry by embargoes and restrictions is heartily welcome, and into this category goes last week's announcement that arrangements have been completed between United States and Hongkong authorities for facilitating the importation of locally-manufactured commodities into America. Our industries have been needing this stimulus for a long time; so too have our exporting firms. Hongkong readily subscribed to the United Nations' decree that Communist China and North Korea should, as far as possible, be deprived of access to strategic war materials from the West, and the Colony has faithfully carried out its obligations in this respect. Nevertheless the restrictions originally applied by the United States vis-a-vis Hongkong were so all-embracing as to deprive the Colony of legitimate trading, not merely with the mainland, but also with America.

THE prime intention of the United States, it has now been disclosed, is to deny Communist China opportunities for obtaining foreign exchange by means of which she could build up her economy for furtherance of the Korean conflict. It is not easily ascertainable whether this objective has been achieved in any substantial measure; but again no complaint is levelled against the expressed aim and purpose of the American action. Hongkong's concern has been the effect the restrictions have had on its legitimate trade. The new regulations—devised to reopen to the Colony American markets in certain approved Chinese-manufactured commodities, with safeguards provided against false declarations. It remains the duty of the Colony's manufacturers and processors to make proper use of the new facilities they are being offered. Any attempt to indulge in sharp practice will inevitably jeopardise this new and important endeavour to assist Hongkong's industries. It may represent only a small mercy, but it is one, for which to be thankful.

Cheap Schools

IN a recent speech H.E. the Governor said that the building of new schools required by the Colony would cost millions. But he deprecated any suggestion of adopting the cheapest form of construction, though for some time to come there would have to be some sacrifice of quality for quantity. His attitude is supported by the remarkable revelations about the ramshackle wooden huts, unpleasant to live in and ugly to look at, built ostensibly as open-air schools for delicate children. In some of these the rooms were unheated and often without artificial light, while the walls were simply wood and canvas screens. The "hand-stand type" of classroom was mainly designed, it is true, to conform to an open-air ideal rather than in a deliberate attempt to economise. But it is almost certain the two things went together, and it would be surprising if somebody didn't try and combine them. Actually the modern, really well built schools provide all the light and air required without the serious defects revealed in the favoured open-air schools which the medical authorities condemn.

"Conclusive" Cairo Meeting Scheduled For Today

Cuts In Truman's Budget Predicted

Washington, Jan. 11. Representative John Taber said today that his economy-bent House Appropriations Committee would start reviewing President Truman's \$78,600,000,000 budget without waiting for suggestions from the new Eisenhower administration. He said informal hearings would begin immediately after the inauguration on January 20, but he emphasized that no bills would be drawn until President Eisenhower and his aides had had their say.

Mr. Taber, New York Republican, said that already he had noted "holes" in Mr. Truman's budget for the 12 months beginning July 1 that might lead to cuts of \$1,500,000,000. Senator Frank Carlson (Republican, Kansas) said he believed the new Congress would balance the budget, reduce the national debt, permit the excess profits tax to expire on June 30 and advance the date for the 11 per cent personal income tax reduction.

DEATH OF AN EX-PRESIDENT

Paris, Jan. 11. Noe Jordanian, who was President of the Republic of Georgia—Marshall Stalin's birthplace—from 1918 to 1921, died here last night.

He emigrated to France in 1931 but continued to organise opposition to the Soviet Government, including the Georgian revolt of 1925.—Reuters.

Political Riot In Italian Town

Naples, Jan. 11. One person was reported killed and at least seven others injured yesterday in a political riot in the town of Parma in Campania. The riot was touched off by an order from the Federal Prefecture dissolving the local government. In the demonstration that followed, one policeman was reported killed and several others injured when a police car overturned. Some of the demonstrators were reported to have stormed the town hall and barricaded themselves inside the building, after which the police opened fire. The town's population is about 10,000.—United Press.

Clemency For Rosenbergs Agitation

Washington, Jan. 11. A small group of persons seeking clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg stood in the cold and rain before the White House today and prayed for mercy for the convicted atom spies. Across the street, another small group walked up and down, carrying signs which read "No Mercy for Traitors," "Death to the Rosenbergs," and "GIs are dying in Korea because of them."

About 50 Rosenberg sympathisers interrupted 24-hour picketing of the Presidential mansion to hold a brief prayer service led by the Reverend Harold Williamson, pastor of the Church of the Rugged Cross, New York.

The Rosenbergs are scheduled to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison unless the President commutes their sentence.

Leaders of the pro-Rosenberg group said there had been no real disturbances in their picket line. Once in a while a passer-by shouts "traitor!"

The leader of the anti-Rosenberg group said it was not organised by any particular body. He said, "We are just Americans who believe the Rosenbergs are traitors, caused the death of other Americans and should die for the act."—United Press.

Mr Churchill Goes Swimming

Ochozoles, Jamaica, Jan. 11. Mr Winston Churchill went for the first swim of his holiday yesterday, driving down to the private bathing beach about a mile and a half from Prospect, estate of Sir Alfred Mitchell, where he is staying.

Mr Churchill took his swim during about three-quarters of an hour at the beach, where he is able to enjoy a little privacy.—Reuters.

Eden Assuming More And More Leadership Responsibilities

London, Jan. 11. The Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, will take over more and more of the task of leading Britain, government sources said today, even though Mr Winston Churchill has now made it clear that he plans to remain for some time as Prime Minister.

Mr Churchill's remark to President-elect Eisenhower that his greatest service to Britain lay ahead appeared to end speculation that he would retire after the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in June. Last summer he had begun grooming Mr Eden, his heir apparent, by handing him more responsibilities for home affairs in addition to his job of Foreign Secretary. Government sources said the 55-year-old Mr Eden would continue to take more of the burden from the 70-year-old Churchill. But, they also said, the Churchill temperament as well as constitutional duties would always keep him in a leading role as long as he is Prime Minister—and that apparently he hopes for several years.

SETTLEMENT OF SUDAN ISSUE IN SIGHT

Cairo, Jan. 12. Britain and Egypt are scheduled to hold a "conclusive" meeting here today (Monday) on the Sudan following four earlier discussions on the future of this one million square-mile territory.

The British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, last night called on the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Fawzi, to acquaint him with the British Government's views on the last unsettled item in the Sudan talks—the power of the Sudan Governor-General in the southern provinces of the Sudan.

An Egyptian spokesman said after the half-hour meeting that Sir Ralph requested a conference with Prime Minister Mohammed Naguib to resume talks on the Sudan.

The spokesman added that a meeting between the Ambassador and the Egyptian negotiators might take place on Monday. The two men have so far held four meetings since the talks started shortly after Egypt presented Britain a note on the Sudan on November 2.

When they adjourned the last time a joint communiqué said the forthcoming meeting would be a conclusive one. The Ambassador's request for a meeting coincided with the return of Major Salah Salem, Egyptian envoy, who toured the southern Sudan to prepare a first-hand report for General Naguib.

Tribes of the southern Sudan are reported to have sought the protection of the Governor-General during the transitional period leading to self-determination.

General Naguib, who claims to have the agreement of the major political parties in the Sudan, has repeatedly said he would accept "no division of the Sudan."

Dr Abdel Gellil, an Egyptian Foreign Office official, yesterday received Mr Noel Cumberbatch, Minister for Commercial Affairs at the British Embassy.

Dr Gellil told reporters afterwards that the exchanged views about British imports into Egypt. Major Salem, following his return from a tour of the Sudan, said in a statement: "We have put an end to the arguments being used by some as a pretext for delay in granting the whole of the Sudan its full independence."

"I think it is now clear which side really desires the welfare and freedom of the Sudan, and which side is impeding the realisation of these ends. We have shown with decisive proof the unity of the Sudan. We have also gained the love and brotherly feelings of all the Sudanese."

"The other side now faces two alternatives—either giving in to the legitimate right of the Sudanese or confronting a struggle in which the entire Sudanese people would take part."—Reuters.

Mr Richard Crossman, Labour Member of Parliament who writes a weekly column for the

Riot Threat To Province

Karachi, Jan. 11. The Communist-led riots which turned Karachi into a battle zone for three days last week tonight threatened to spread through a province.

The authorities claimed another curfew on the capital to night to prevent any new outbreaks of demonstrations, which brought death to at least 11 persons last week.

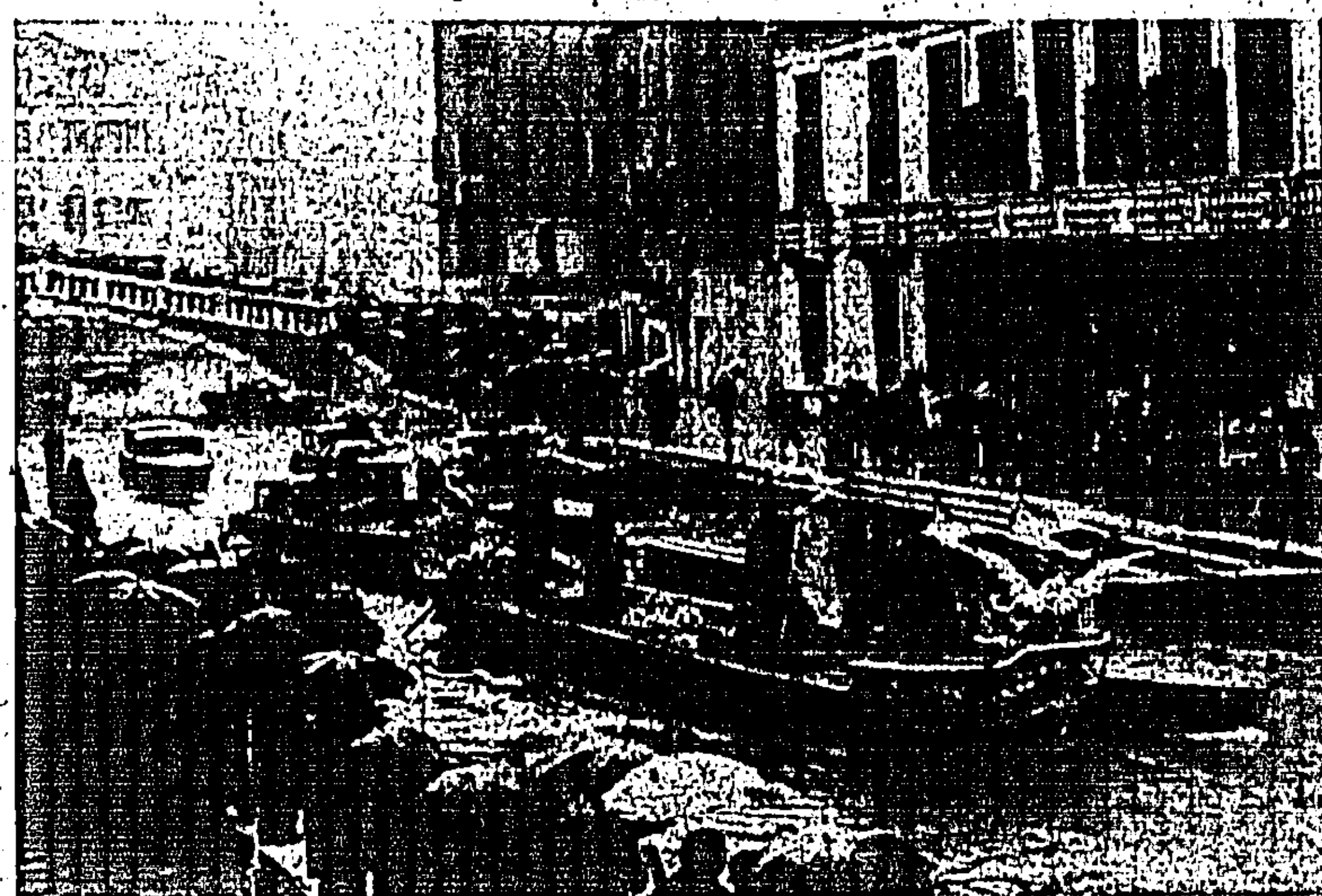
Dispatches from Dacca, East Pakistan, said that while the students held their meetings there last night they resorted to launch province-wide disturbances unless the government halted "police and military atrocities."

Eleven students were reported to have been injured in clashes with the police in Dacca yesterday. Similar disturbances were reported in Lahore and Hyderabad in East Pakistan.

It was all quiet today, for the second day after three days of blood-letting when a frenzied student mob fought police who opened fire on the students to restore order.

The curfew was ordered reimposed from 2100 today to 0000 local time tomorrow as the Chief Commissioner, Mr A.T. Naqvi, said the demonstrations were organised by the Communists.—United Press.

Funeral Held On The Grand Canal, Venice



485 Africans Held For Screening

Nairobi, Jan. 11. Police today detained 485 Africans for screening following a raid on a market at Thika, 30 miles northwest of Nairobi, as the search for terrorists continued.

A few miles further north four Kikuyu tribesmen fired on Africans on guard at a European farm. The fire was returned and two of the Kikuyu were arrested. One of them was being questioned about the murder of two European farmers, Mr C. H. Ferguson and Mr Richard Bingley, on New Year's night.

At Nanyuki, police were today searching for a gang of six Africans who raided the farm of Mr F. B. Googh on Friday night and made off with rifles and ammunition.

Governor Sir Evelyn Baring, on an up-country tour of troubled areas, today visited Nyeri, 60 miles northeast of Nairobi. He was accompanied by his son, Charles.

African leaders in Nairobi today issued the text of a memorandum on the situation which they are presenting to the Governor.

At the same time they are seeking an interview with him to discuss their points—that no case has been made out for the introduction of martial law as advocated by certain European quarters and opposition to collective punishment.

The memorandum also demanded that the "difficult problem" of land must be settled called for the free election of chiefs, and asked for a review of wages and expressed disappointment on what it called the failure to implement promised constitutional reforms.—Reuters.

TRIAL RESUMING

Nairobi, Jan. 11. The trial of Jomo Kenyatta, leader of the Kenya African Union, and five other Kikuyu leaders charged with "helping to manage the Mau Mau secret society" will be resumed today at Kapenguria with a new interpreter—a Kikuyu.

It was adjourned on January 7 after the leading defence counsel, Mr D. N. Pritt, QC, said he and the six accused distrusted the official interpreter, Dr Luis Leakey.

Mr Pritt accused Dr Leakey—considered one of the foremost authorities on the Kikuyu language—of adding words to witnesses' evidence and of "helping one side" since the start of the trial.

Dr Leakey withdrew from the court. On Saturday, Sir Hector Keame, Chief Justice of Kenya, appointed Mr. Jonah Kinuthia, a 29-year-old Kikuyu, who is a Supreme Court interpreter, to succeed Dr Leakey.

The trial has been adjourned three times since it started five weeks ago.—Reuters.

FAMILY PERISH IN FIRE

Eric, Pennsylvania, Jan. 11. A family of six was burned to death when their house caught fire. The fire broke out during the early hours when the six persons were fast asleep.—France Press.

The funeral of the Venice Patriarch, Monsignor Agostini took place recently at Venice, Italy. After a service at San Marco Cathedral, the coffin was placed on a gondola and taken down the Grand Canal en route to the cemetery. The coffin is seen here aboard the gondola.—London Express.

STOP PRESS

AUSTRALIA'S BIG SCORE

Sydney, Jan. 12. Australia this morning strengthened their position in the third Test against South Africa, adding another 100 runs to their Saturday closing score of 277 for three for the loss of a further three wickets. They are now 378 for six, with Neil Harvey not out 101 and Lindwall not out 7. The South Africans were dismissed in their first innings for 173.—Reuters.

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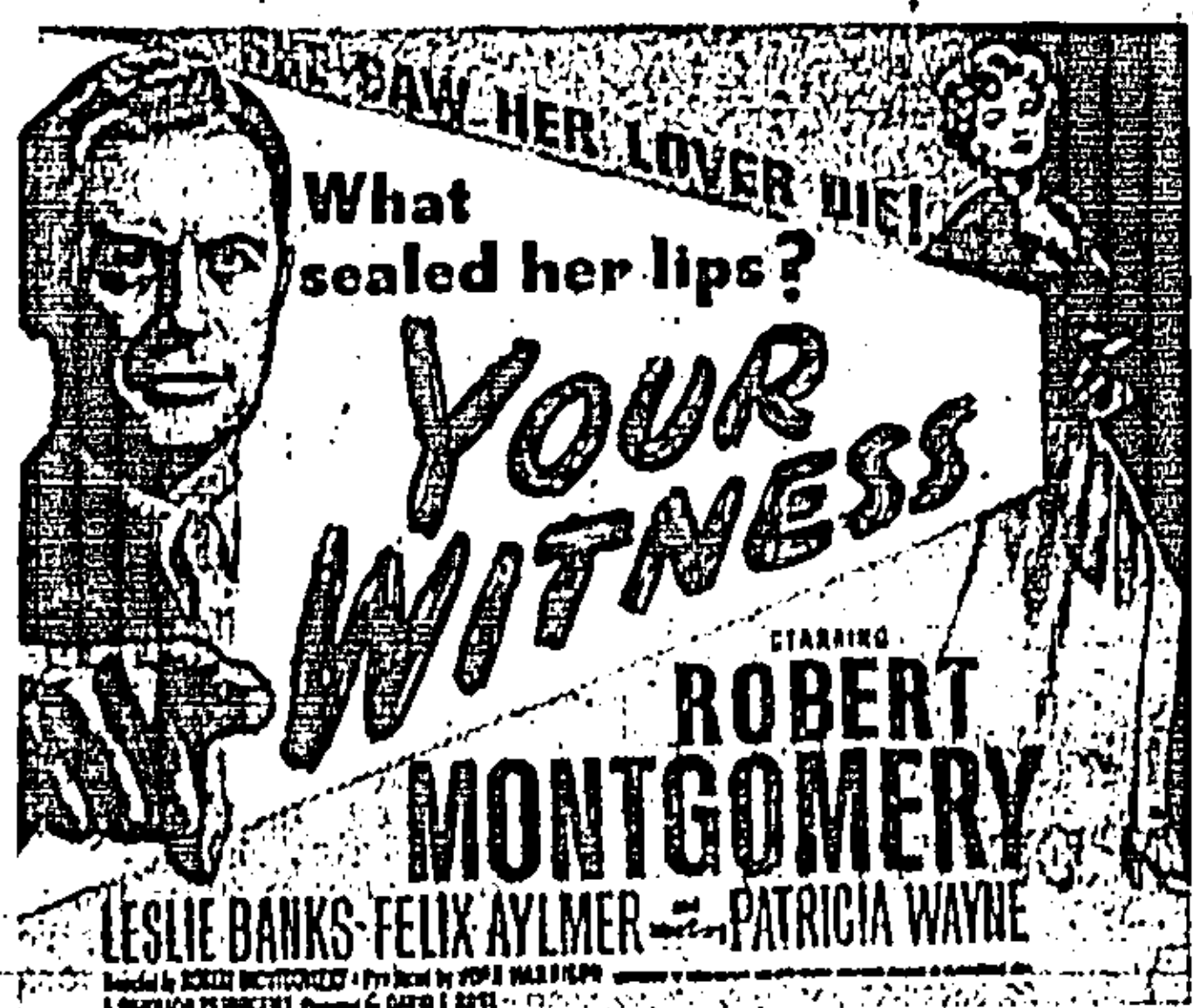
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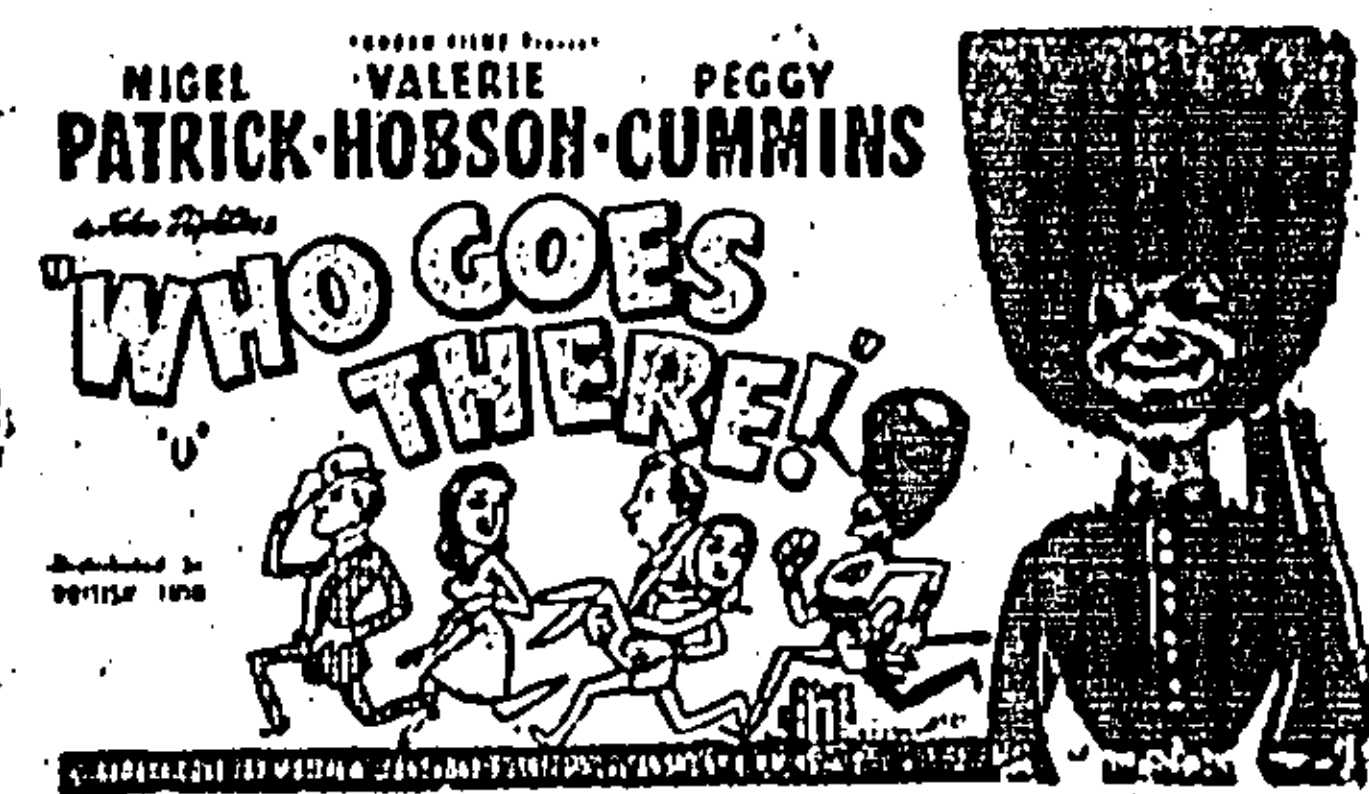
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Peron Presents Five-Year Plan



President Peron of Argentina arrives at the Congress Building in Buenos Aires, where he presented a second five-year plan to solve Argentina's economic problems. — Express Photo.

World Socialists Discuss Democracy In Colonies

Rangoon, Jan. 11.

Delegates from the Socialist International defended themselves here last night against charges that European Socialists were lukewarm towards Democratic freedom in the colonies.

Another Oil Attempt?

Cairo, Jan. 11.

A shipping source said here last night that the Italian tanker *Millella*, which cleared the Suez last week, was going to Abadan to attempt to load Iranian oil.

The source said the tanker belonged to the Compagnia Italiana Trasporti Marittimi of Genoa and was chartered by a Rome company. There was no official confirmation.

Last week an Aden Court ruled that an attempt by another Italian ship, the *Rose Mary*, to ship oil from Abadan was illegal. — United Press.

POINT FOUR SCHEME DEFENDED

Washington, Jan. 11. Mr Stanley Andrews, head of the United States Point Four programme of aid to underdeveloped nations, said today that roughly one-third of the \$150 million spent in technical aid over the past year went to the Middle East.

He was speaking on a radio programme. Of suggestions that Israel might be getting a high share of such aid, Mr Andrews said: "You cannot have a new nation absorb several million people and have that State survive without help from the outside world."

"I think maybe our Arab friends sometimes have not come around to the thinking that a State exists there and is going to exist."

Predicting that the Point Four programme would some day be judged one of the "soundest" United States aid projects, he said he would not recommend any changes in the present system. — Reuter.

Salvage Job In Manila

Tokyo, Jan. 11. A team of 50 Japanese salvage experts, including seven divers, will leave Kure on Monday to probe the possibilities of raising sunken ships in Manila Bay area as a reparations-in-service payment to the Philippines. Kyodo news agency reported.

Estimates indicate that as much as 80,000 tons of scrap steel may be obtained from the 35 Japanese merchant vessels and nine warships believed sunk in the area. The 40-day trip will be made aboard the 780-ton *Kishimaru Maru*. — Associated Press.

Killed On Holiday

Stockholm, Jan. 11. Captain Gunnar Elstner, a Swedish airman employed by the King of Yemen, was killed in an aircraft accident in Central Sweden today. Captain Elstner, who was on holiday, was flying in a newspaper transport plane. One other occupant of the aircraft was seriously injured. — Express.

"KING OF CROOKS" EXPOSED

Lottery Operator in Flight

Singapore, Jan. 11.

Malaya's "King of crooks"—chief operator of a huge illegal lottery—was reported today to have fled from his "kingdom" in Kuala Lumpur.

Some reports say he has crossed the border into Thailand; others say he has reached Singapore where he is hiding until he can be smuggled out of the country.

The unidentified boss of the country's most lucrative racket—the Chee Fah lottery—exposed by the Singapore Sunday Times as "Mr X" was said to be a Chinese resident in Kuala Lumpur.

He was said to have been better guarded than High Commissioner, Gen. Sir Gerald Temple.

Chee Fah is a lottery of 36 Chinese characters all of which are either taken from Chinese mythology, animal life, parts of the human anatomy or historic characters. The punter is given a riddle which he is told will give clues leading to one of the characters. In practice, however, these riddles point to a score of characters. The lucky punter is paid \$30 for every dollar he bets, and chee fah accepts bets of even a few cents.

MADE SURE

Promoters made sure that there were very few winners from the numbers were announced each day. Chee fah has its origin in China.

In a front-page banner story exposing Chee Fah as a "racket without parallel in the annals of crime in Malaya," the Sunday Times said "Mr X" lived a lavish life and had more bodyguards than Gen. Templer.

Following an exposure last Sunday, Chee Fah collectors on Wednesday told thousands of better in Kuala Lumpur that they were returning the day's stakes because the headquarters "factory" had been raided by police. Stories went round on Thursday that a sub-factory had also been raided.

The million-dollar-a-month racket has been wrecked at least temporarily, but the Sunday Times learned that "Mr X" before fleeing, told his henchmen to "lie low" for a while after which he would send them orders about carrying on with the racket. The racket today ruined numerous housewives and labourers, especially Chinese, as the lottery appealed most to the poorer classes. — United Press.

Wants An Inquiry

Washington, Jan. 11. Congress will be asked on Tuesday to start a full-scale investigation of alleged Communist atrocities against American soldiers and other allied troops in Korea.

Mr T. P. Sheehan (Republican) said today he would introduce a resolution setting up a special House of Representatives committee empowered to subpoena information and travel anywhere for evidence.

Mr Sheehan recalled that General Matthew Ridgway, former United Nations Commander in Tokyo, told the United Nations last year that "approximately 8,000 United States military personnel had been reported killed as war crimes victims." — Reuter.

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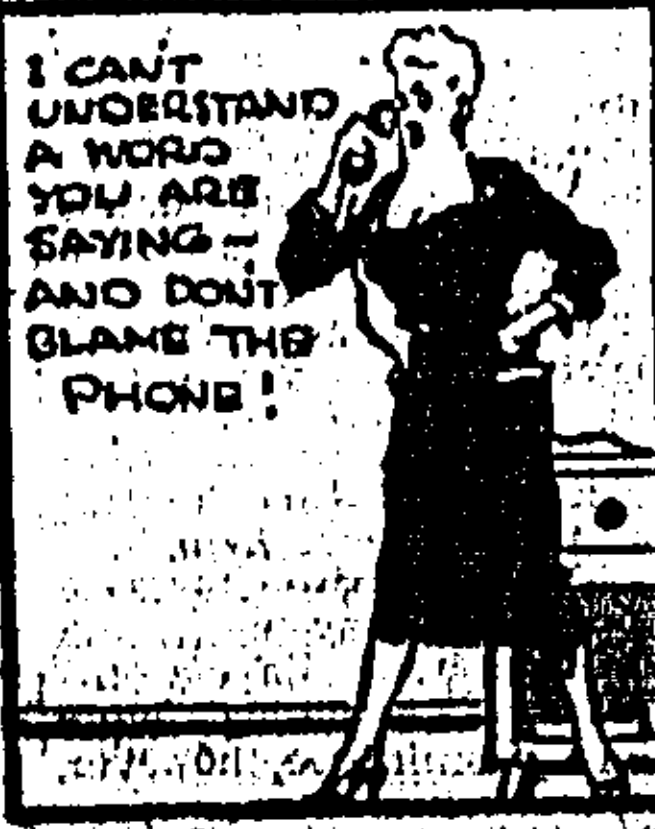
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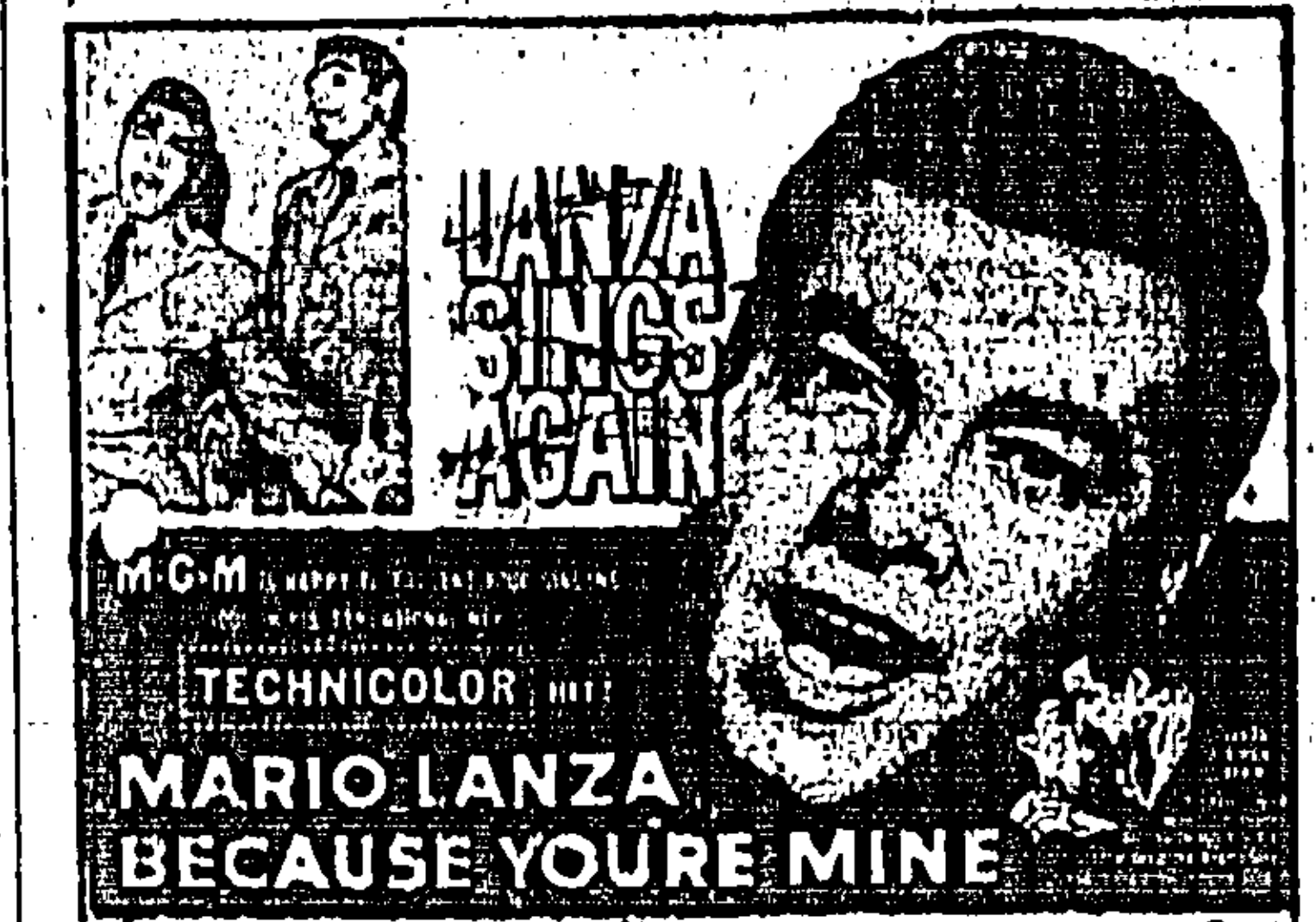
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A Chinese Picture With Mandarin Dialogue

"Ike" Summons His Cabinet

New York, Jan. 11. — President-elect Eisenhower will tomorrow confer with his Cabinet members and other key appointees at his Commodore Hotel headquarters here.

Mr. Eisenhower's assistants said this first inaugural meeting of all members of the Eisenhower top command would amount to a full-scale review of foreign and domestic problems which the incoming Administration will face when it takes office on January 20.

Mr. Eisenhower's programme for dealing with those problems is based to a great extent on recommendations already submitted to him by the nine men he has named to his Cabinet and by other top appointees. — Reuter.

NEW MOVE BY EAST GERMANY

More Roads Closed

Berlin, Jan. 11. — The East German Communist police today closed one-fourth of the roads still open between West Berlin and the Soviet Zone of Germany, in a move that indicated the Communists might be planning to extend their "zone of death" to the city border.

West Berlin police said the Communist police shut down three of the 12 checkpoints on the border of the American sector and the Soviet Zone. A seven-foot barbed wire fence was erected at the American Sector checkpoint.

The Communist police yesterday started blocking roads leading from the Western Zone of Germany to the Soviet sector of Berlin. Along with measures to increase West Berlin's isolation, the Communists, who are also cracking down on "Zionists", tightened police state controls at home.

East Berlin police headquarters ordered all East Berliners to keep "house books" and the East German Liberal Democratic Party announced the expulsion of five "subversive" officials in a Party purge.

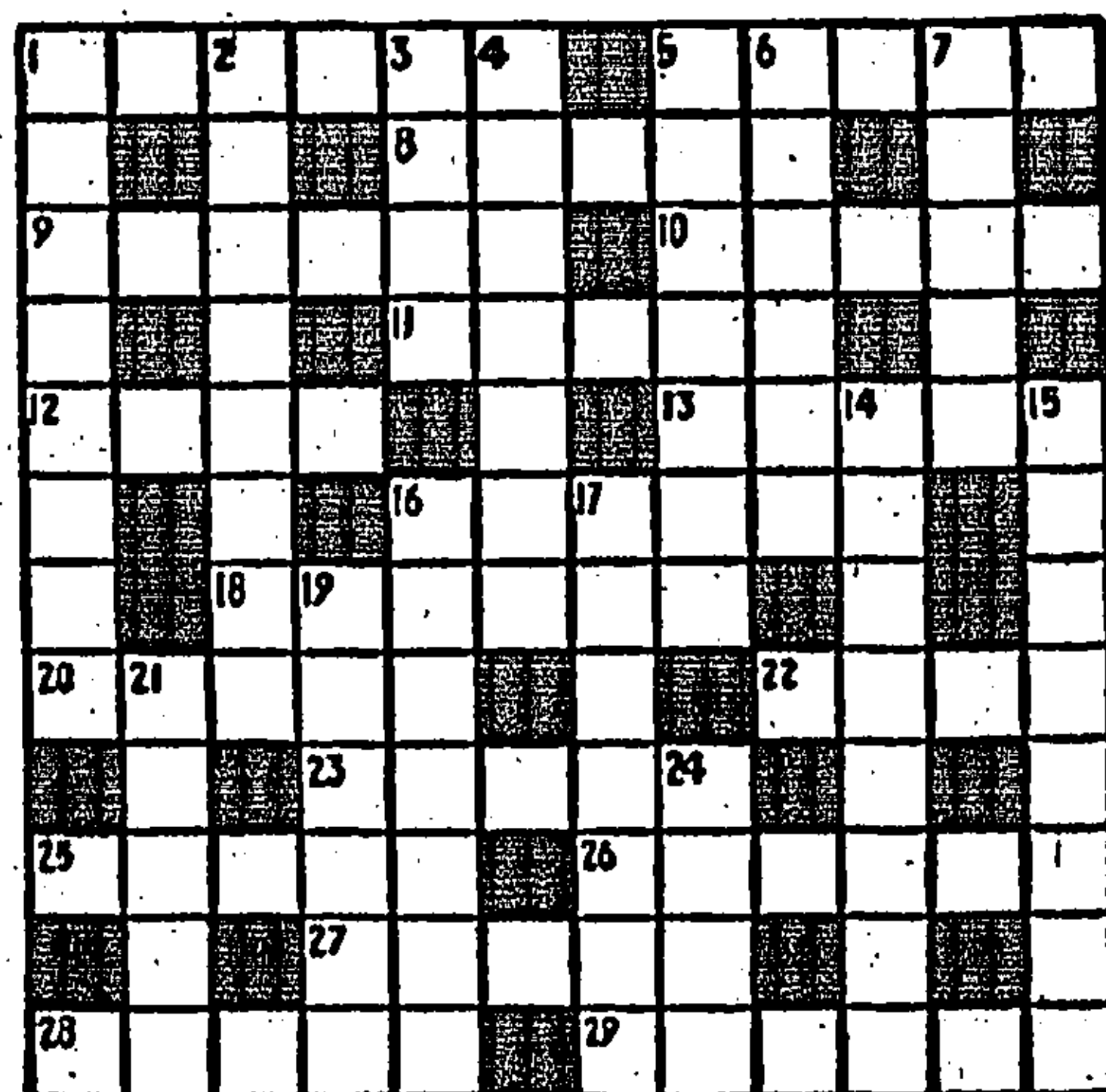
House books have been introduced in East Berlin and the head of each family must list in the books all persons who visit the house. — United Press.

TO VISIT U.S. ARMY POSTS

New York, Jan. 11. — Two high-ranking Norwegian military officials arrived today by plane from Oslo to spend three weeks touring United States Army installations.

Their trip is sponsored jointly by the United States Army and the United Nations. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Flog (6)
 - 2 Revile (5)
 - 3 Claw (5)
 - 4 Get the better of (6)
 - 5 Of first importance (5)
 - 6 Peeps ineffectively (5)
 - 7 Basis (4)
 - 8 Flowers (5)
 - 9 Unruffled (9)
 - 10 Scratched (6)
 - 11 Harden (5)
 - 12 Moist (4)
 - 13 Swift (5)
 - 14 Ape (5)
 - 15 Wild (6)
 - 16 Droll (5)
 - 17 Mount (6)
 - 18 Cuts apart (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Fearful (8)
 - 2 Answer (8)
 - 3 Face (4)
 - 4 Hound (7)
 - 5 Protected (7)
 - 6 Concord (6)
 - 7 Deluge (5)
 - 8 Apart (8)
 - 9 Quell (8)
 - 10 Consoled (7)
 - 11 Amends (7)
 - 12 Colour (6)
 - 13 Twine (5)
 - 14 Challenge (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Clam, 7 Taper, 8 Avar, 9 Crop, 10 Recluse, 12 Stun, 15 Tense, 18 Bent, 19 Daunt, 21 Amaze, 22 Rite, 23 Erect, 26 Shed, 29 Enthus, 30 Read, 31 Tug, 32 Puffy, 33 Buys. Down: 1 Novel, 2 Rectify, 4 Lures, 5 Mugs, 6 Beau, 8 Curt, 11 Denial, 13 True, 14 Note, 16 Edict, 17 Lays, 19 Belp, 20 Allured, 22 Rend, 24 Ready, 25 Plois, 27 Kiosk, 28 Drab.

Britain Aims To Keep Jet Leadership

London, Jan. 11. — Britain in 1953 is fully determined to maintain her world leadership in air transport by jetliner.

Her 500 mile-an-hour Comets, which opened the first international jet services seven months ago, are now flying an average of 100,000 miles a week.

Demand for seats on the jetliners exceeds the supply. What is more, the jetliners are paying their way.

The first aircraft, operating once-weekly between London and South Africa since June, have made a profit of £3,000 sterling. The eight now in regular service on various British trunk routes, are showing a proportionate profit.

Feeling troubles have been surprisingly few, despite the fact that the jetliners have been operating at nearly twice the speed of the average piston-engine aircraft, and at twice the height above the earth.

Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), the pioneer jetliner operators, are now waiting for delivery of a second fleet of Comets—to be known as Comet II—which will fly faster and farther, in a single hop, than their predecessors now in service.

Meanwhile overseas operators will get their first Comets, slightly modified versions of the original, with a large fuel capacity and a water-methanol injection system which improves the take-off.

Losing Out To Germans

Uttuxeter, Jan. 11.

Mr Richard Crossman, Labour M.P. for Coventry East, said yesterday that German generals were in control of the Egyptian army and that German trade delegations were "mopping up" trade there.

Just back from a tour of the Middle East, Mr Crossman said that if a business concern in Egypt wanted equipment the Germans offered "delivery next week." The British said: "We are rearming. We can give you delivery in six months."

"We cannot make both motor cars and armoured cars," Mr Crossman said. "By making armoured cars we are reducing our export capacity. Surely, we are living in a fool's paradise." — Reuter.

Stabbed To Death

Tokyo, Jan. 11. — A driver of a taxicab was found stabbed to death in his car in the centre of Tokyo. Police are looking for the suspects, two men reported by a witness, newsboy, as loitering around the spot. — Reuter.

NEW GIANT

Comet orders have also been received from Commonwealth Pacific Airlines and operators in Venezuela and Japan.

Soon the prototype of a giant new Comet—the series three—will be taking shape at the de Havilland works, near London.

This 58-70 seater Atlantic flier recently won Britain her first order from an American operator. Pan-American Airways booked three Comet threes with an option on a further seven, "off the drawing board."

BOAC has so far ordered 11 for use on two projected "round-the-globe" routes. But to assist the aircraft industry here to maintain its leadership in the jet export market, the Corporation has agreed to relax its priority on deliveries so that Pan-American can have aircraft three, six and nine when the big Comets roll off the production line in 1956.

Prototype of the Atlantic Comet will be flying in 1954. It will have a stage-length (non-stop range) of 2,700 miles with maximum payload and full fuel reserves. It will therefore be suitable for use on the London to New York route, with a single stop at Gander, Newfoundland.

DOUBLE JOURNEY
Though its flying schedules have not been worked out, the aircraft will be capable of doing the double journey from London to New York and back to London in a single day. Flying time one way may be as low as seven hours.

The prototype of Comet Series Two is now flying and will soon begin explorations of the Atlantic upper air as a trail blazer for its big brother.

None of the piston-engined Atlantic airliners now in service fly at the Comet's normal cruising height—about 40,000 feet—and little is known of weather and flying conditions at this altitude.

While Comet plans go forward steadily, big developments are taking place elsewhere in the British jet field.

The huge Bristol Britannia, a propeller-jet aircraft which can carry 105 passengers at a cruising speed of 300 miles an hour, is now undergoing extensive tests.

PROPELLER-JET
BOAC have ordered 30 for their world system, to work in partnership with the Comets. They should be in service in three years' time.

Production has also begun on the smaller (40-seater) Viscount propeller-jetliner, of which British European Airways and Trans-Canada Airlines have ordered large fleets.

The British fleet will begin to operate in the coming Spring. Like the pure-jet airliner, the propeller-jet is powered by a gas turbine.

But whereas the pure-jet depends for motion on the air-thrust from its engines the propeller jet, or turbo-prop, uses the jet power to drive a propeller of more or less conventional design. — Reuter.

SATELLITES SHORT OF FOOD

Vienna, Jan. 11.

A conference of economic and agricultural experts of the Soviet Union and her allies in Eastern Europe will take place in Prague between January 13 and 15, Radio Prague announced today.

Representatives will attend from the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania and East Germany.

It is believed here that the conference has been called urgently to discuss growing shortages, especially of foodstuffs, affecting the Communist States of Eastern Europe.

The object of the conference, it is believed, would be for Soviet experts in industry and agriculture to explain Soviet methods of increasing production. — Reuter.

Envoy Off To Palace



Off to Buckingham Palace to present his credentials to Queen Elizabeth II, Dr Domingo A. Deresi, newly-appointed Argentine Ambassador to Britain. He is one of President Peron's top experts on meat, and took part in negotiations with Britain. — Express Photo.

Scientists To Study The Frontline Soldier

Four scientists loaded with text books and recording machines climbed the rugged frontline hills today to find out what makes a fighting soldier tick.

Working the shadows of historic Heartbreak Ridge and the Punchbowl, they hope to tell the Army how to select good infantry leaders.

Opposition To Red Regime

London, Jan. 11.

Warsaw Radio said today that the Polish anti-Communist underground had 100,000 members ready to commit sabotage and spread chaos if Poland was involved in war.

The radio was quoting from the newspaper Trybuna Wolnosci, which claimed to be citing facts from a plan drafted by the American intelligence. — Reuter.

Dalkeiths On Way To Corsica

Nice, Jan. 11.

The Earl and Countess of Dalkeith, who were married in Edinburgh yesterday, arrived here by air in brilliant sunshine today on the first stage of their honeymoon.

They are due to leave by air tomorrow morning for Bastia in Corsica.

The Countess was wearing a double-breasted dark red coat with veiled hat to match. The Earl wore a dark suit and checked tweed overcoat.

They posed smilingly for photographers on the airfield against a background of palm trees.

The couple will be staying the night at the Ruhl Hotel on the Promenade des Anglais, where a two-room suite has been reserved for them.

The honeymoon suite is decorated in pale grey with pale pink woodwork.

On the same plane with them was the 64-year-old millionaire oil magnate, Baloiste Gulbenkian.

The Earl told reporters that he had made no hotel reservations in Bastia and did not know where they would be staying or for how long. — Reuter.

Atom Scientists To Confer

Brussels, Jan. 12.

Atom scientists from ten European countries will attend the tenth meeting of the European Council for Nuclear Research opening here today.

The scientists are expected to discuss at the two-day meeting a convention to link member countries after the establishment of a "European" nuclear research laboratory in Geneva. — Reuter.

PONTIFF TO CREATE 24 NEW CARDINALS

Today's Vatican Ceremony

Vatican City, Jan. 12. — The frail and ageing Pope Pius XII will today bring the Sacred College up to its full strength of 70 for the first time in more than a century to strengthen the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church against "the forces of godlessness."

He will create 24 new Cardinals to the Sacred College which, besides helping the Pope to direct the course of the world's 400 million Catholics, has also the task of electing one of its own number to succeed the Pope after his death.

The renewed College of Cardinals—whose average age is 64—will meet together on Wednesday. It will contain Cardinals from 27 countries. There will be 26 Italian and 44 foreign Cardinals.

The new Cardinals will be officially appointed with elaborate medieval ceremony at a secret Consistory in the Vatican Palace. But they will not be present themselves.

The Pope's selection of the new Cardinals—all personal choices—shows the broadening frontiers of the Church's battle. For the first time in history India and the western United States will have each a Cardinal.

Two of the new Cardinals are leaders of the Church in Poland and in Yugoslavia.

SPLENDID PAGEANTRY
Three more are Latin Americans—an area for which the Pope has repeatedly expressed his concern.

Six of the 14 new foreign Cardinals belong to the Old World, where the Pope has warned that "the fight against materialism will be bitter."

And at least six of the ten new Italian Cardinals will be assigned to the Roman Curia, the Pontiff's "General Staff" which directs and co-ordinates Vatican activities.

The Pope's formal announcement today that he has created the new Cardinals will be followed by three days of splendid pageantry for these new Cardinals who have come to Rome.

The black Vatican motor cars will today carry black and purple-clad envoys to the nine religious institutions in Rome, where 14 of the new Cardinals will be waiting.

The envoys will hand to each Cardinal a printed card announcing the Pontiff's decision.

PRIVATE CEREMONY
Tuesday will be spent in prayer and meditation. On Wednesday all the new Cardinals will meet for the first time in the Vatican Palace to receive from the Pope the purple biretta, a small four-winged hat which a Cardinal wears on formal occasions.

For the first time the Cardinals will be wearing part of the splendid scarlet and purple robes of a Prince of the Church.

The Cardinals will approach the Pope and will kneel in front of him and kiss his foot.

The Pope will place around the shoulders of each a precious ermine cape and on his head the biretta.

This ceremony will be private. The next day the new and the old Cardinals will appear together in public in the Basilica of St. Peter, where tens of thousands of people will watch them.

There will be no ceremonial for the new Cardinals of Poland.

Cinderella Revised By Reds

Berlin, Jan. 11.

An anti-capitalist Cinderella now graces the stage of an East Berlin children's theatre, according to Neues Deutschland, newspaper of the Socialist Unity (Communist) party.

In a "progressive stage adaptation" of the fairy tale, the girl represents the good qualities of the working classes. The step-mother and ugly sisters of exploitation and idleness.

The play avoids the "ideological defects" of the original tale in which the good fairy comports Cinderella by helping her win the young Prince.

"This is an individual solution of the problem through the intervention of an unearthly power," the paper complained.

In the revised version, Cinderella's helpers are "intelligent and good domestic animals."

The King is ridiculed as a brainless despot, his advisers as stupid bureaucrats and the knights as decadent lackeys.

Princess Charming is transformed into "Prince Neverguy" who is eventually bored by his fiancée.

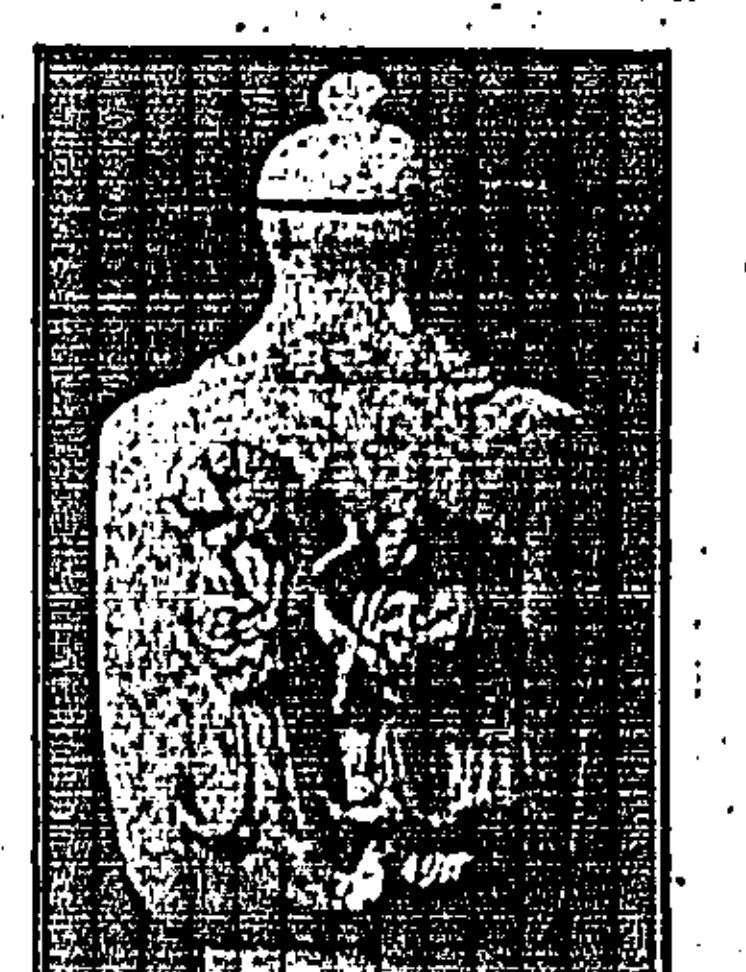
He falls in love with Cinderella because she represents "the principle of good deeds, the New Germany." — Reuter.

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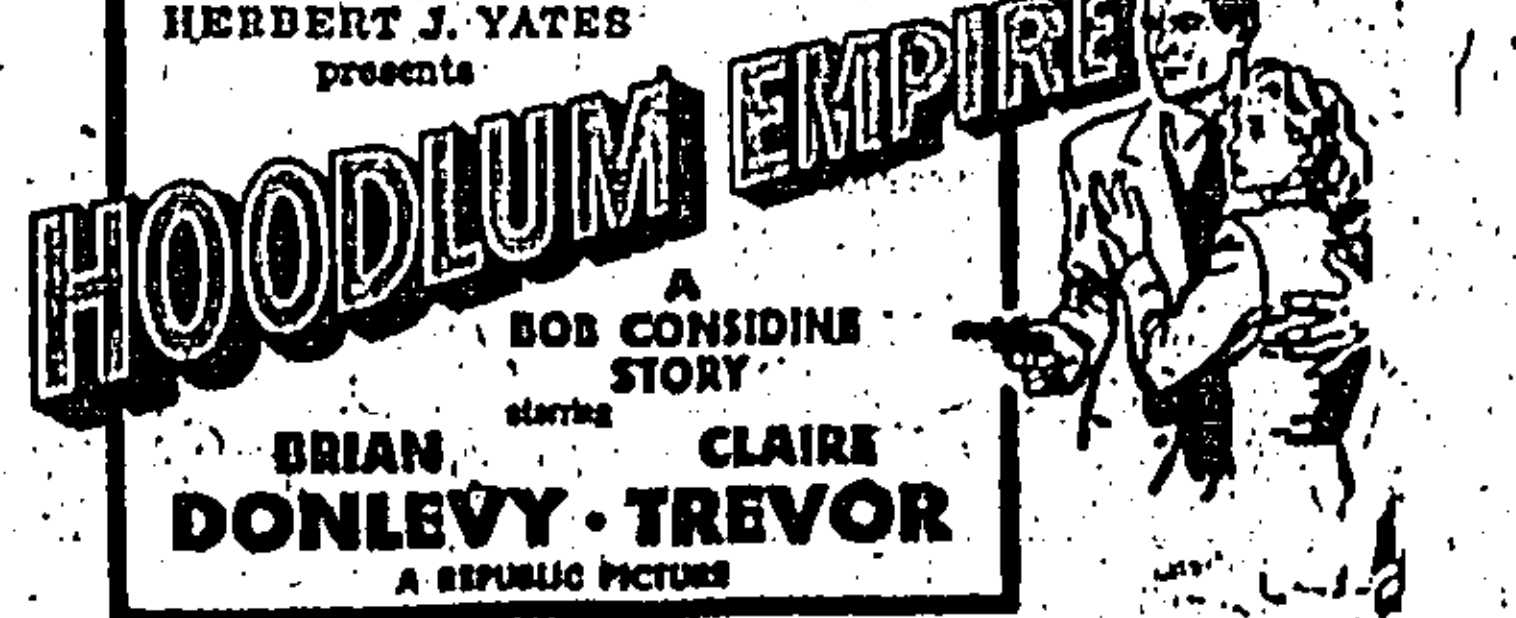
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Let The Duke Do Something Useful

By **Beverley Baxter, MP**

UNLIKE the popular song, the Boat Train was cold inside. Admittedly, it was cold outside as well, but not so congealed. Yet there were at least three people on board the train who did not give a tinker's cuss about the temperature. We were three British M.P.s escaping for a spell from the treadmill of Westminster.

The Queen Mary was in no hurry to leave, for ships still have to wait for the tide. In fact, we did not depart until next morning, which seemed an odd performance, and even then the Old Lady did not strain herself.

We were going first to Chichester to pick up game passengers, including the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Fifteen years ago the Duke stood on the deck of a destroyer as he watched the fading coastline of the country of which he had ruled for so little a time. He was on his way to France to begin the life of a Royal exile.

And now from France he was about to stop on British territory once more — a movable, sea-going affair, but none the less British territory. The rain swept against the docks, and the sea was grim, grey and lonely.

The Duke and Duchess must have come aboard, although no one seemed to have sighted them, and so the Queen Mary got down to the business of getting to New York.

No Parallel

HOW pleasant to roll across the ocean in a comfortable state room, where every morning the clock goes back an hour. There is a god-like satisfaction about telling your watch that it is lying, and that it is nine o'clock and not ten as its hands contend.

Also, there is something about a British steward which has no parallel. An American steward will give good service but we feel instinctively that he is dreaming of a gas station in the Middle West, and that his heart is not in the job.

An English steward looks as if he was born on a ship, and has never been ashore for more than a few days in his life. When it is rough he rolls

with the punch like a boxer and defies the laws of equilibrium. On the whole, he is a cheery pessimist. In all my sixty odd crossings, I cannot remember a steward who did not prophesy dirty weather ahead.

On this particular voyage my fellow fair-weathered with bad prognostications and urged me to have a full breakfast. "Something must have gone wrong because the sea remained throughout in a gentle mood, with frequent coquetry from the sun."

The People

THERE is still a majestic solemnity about the sea, even if it is a hop back and forth as if the Atlantic were no bigger than a lake. But in the end it is the people on board who make a voyage, and we were not a bad lot on the Queen Mary. There was Lord Barnby, who rushes madly around the world proclaiming the superiority of British goods, aided and abetted by his pretty American wife. I would never be surprised to find Barnby wearing a Union Jack in place of a waistcoat.

Then there was that gay old boy, General Wade Hayes, who has been in every war since the Romans, and is preparing for the next. He lives in London, where we think so much of him, that we made him a member of the Carlton Club, which is exclusively for members of the Conservative Party.

Who is this smiling, young fellow with the wistfully pretty wife? Someone has introduced us and we go to shake hands. But he has no hands. Instead he has two hooks. His eyes are steady, and there is always that frank, disarming smile. Shall we pretend that he is just the same as other men? No—he does not play it that way.

He wants to talk about armless people and find out how science is grappling with the problem. "You are ahead of us in England," he says, "because it is under the control of the Ministry of Pensions. In America there are competing manufacturers with patents that cannot be pooled. It's bad. I'm going to fight that."

Perhaps you saw him in the cinema. He was the ex-patriot who was chosen by M. G. M. to play the part of the armless man in the film "The Best Years of Our Lives". War took his hands from him, but could not take his courage.

It was the last night before reaching New York that Merle Oberon, the film star, asked me to a private dinner party she was giving in the Verandah Grill.

Miss Oberon is a woman of considerable charm and a surprising degree of erudition. For example, there was an arts contest on board in which we had to answer 20 questions about famous books, paintings and sculpture. I scored heavily on the authorship of David Copperfield, but most of the other 19 got away from me like a large fish. Yet Miss Oberon answered all twenty questions correctly and won the prize.

Years ago she married Alexander Korda, the Hungarian film producer, who is now a British Knight. She loved him very much but forgot that she did and so they divorced. But they are good friends still—a fact which proves either a lot or nothing.

Dinner At Sea

AT any rate we assembled at 8.30 in the Smoke Room for cocktails, being five in number altogether, and just then the other two guests arrived, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

To a journalist and a politician nothing is really embarrassing, yet it seemed to me that there were difficulties ahead on this occasion. Readers may remember my abdication article, which loaded the dice heavily against the Duchess of Windsor and caused a good deal of interest at the time. Two years later when I included the article in my book "Westminster Watch" George VI demanded a public apology and the withdrawal of the book. I made no public apology but withdrew the book, which had just been sent to the newspapers for review. Not, you will agree, a perfect prologue to a dinner at sea.

At dinner I sat next to the Duchess and she recalled the occasion when my wife and I

dined at her London flat with her and her then husband, Mr. Ernest Simpson. Having thus established the fact that she knew the form she then talked of New York. France, her experiences at Nassau in the war when the Windsors were at Government House, and world events.

It was lively, intelligent conversation, in which nothing was said that could not be repeated in the most sedate newspaper in the world. She looked well, she dressed well and she talked well. With all due modesty, I think I listened well—and for once I wanted to listen. Later the conversation at the table became general.

Lively Man

AFTER dinner the Duke took me aside and we sat down in a corner where we remained for more than an hour. In my time I have written tens of thousands of words about him. I saw him first as a boyish officer in the First World War. Then in the years that followed I saw and heard him on many occasions. In that period when he was the Prince of Hearts, so beloved of the people that, even at the marriage of his brother Albert to the kind-eyed girl from Scotland, it was Edward who nearly stole the scene. In the House of Commons he used to sit behind the clock in the first row of the gallery and follow our deliberations with obvious interest.

If Louis XIV of France was the Sun King, then Edward was the Sun Prince. His youth lingered beyond his years—as if he was loth to lose touch with the young who had died in the war.

Then came the warning shadows.... headlines in the foreign press.... his constant association with Ernest Simpson's wife.... gossip finds its tongue, but the British press loyally but stupidly publishes nothing.... the death of King George V.... Long Live King Edward VIII.... Abdication.... the Duke of Windsor begins the life of a Royal exile.

What of the woman whom he had married?

Every year the Duchess has been included in the six best dressed women of the world. In the world of fashion, she is



"Recall him to the nation's service"

a queen in her own right, but the British Court could not give her the rank of "Your Royal Highness." Cut to the Duke, Mrs. Van Simmers, but not to the Duchess. Her friends spoke openly about the rigid trade unionism of Royalty. As far as the Palace was concerned, she was a blackleg. When the Duke wrote his memoirs, the very skies of England frowned. It could not have happened in good Queen Victoria's golden days.

In "The Mikado" the son of the Emperor, disguised as a wandering minstrel, describes himself as "a thing of shreds and patches." Edward VIII had become a wandering Duke. On his travels in every country but his own, he had to meet the funkiness of snobs, the half-concealed sneer of the smart sets, the cheap familiarity of those who delight in seeing gods tumbled from their pedestals, the sorrow of decent men and women that he had gone aside from the Crown which destiny and heredity had placed upon his head.

Sixteen years of limelight and deepening shadow! Do you wonder that on the Queen

Mary I approached our conversation with the conviction that I would soon find evidence of the deterioration that must be the result of such an experience?

Let me state at once that this is not what happened. I do not want to appear in this article as a sycophant, or a cynic but only to set down the truth as it appeared to me. Instead of stagnation or deterioration I found in the Duke a lively and penetrating mind, a sense of humour with a nice edge to it, and a knowledge of contemporary political personalities which could not have been more acute if he were still a regular visitor to the House of Commons.

No Precedent

NEVER once did he say, "This is off the record. You must not publish this."

Yet he talked with complete candour about personalities in Britain. He spoke of the Queen with genuine affection, and even enthusiasm. He sees in her the embodiment of the spirit of Renaissance that is stirring in England. There I draw the curtains. The rest is silence, except for one more sentence. Even when he frankly appraised the personalities who crowd to the centre of the stage in London Society today, he never uttered a bitter or a resentful word.

The Duke of Windsor will not be a power again in Britain. Wrongly, tragically, he renounced the Crown which bore too heavily upon his temples. He will not come home even for the Coronation of his niece because—and it is a convenient reason—there is no precedent of an ex-king of Britain attending the coronation of a successor. And since his wife will not be given a title of equal dignity with his, he will remain an exile.

He lost the battle with Baldwin and the Archbishop of Canterbury, and as a result he lost his throne.

He left the battle for peace in which he might have played a vital role. All those things must have pierced his heart and added to the darkness of the night.

Much To Give

YET, I am certain that he has won his secret battle with himself. He has not lost his love of country, he has not allowed bitterness to poison his mind, and he has not lost his faith in the great mission of Britain and the British community of nations.

Then why should we not use him? Let him go as Governor to Kenya or some such trouble spot where, as a son of kings and a man with a love for humanity, he could bring a new pride and perhaps a new sense of community to the different races. The Duke of Windsor has too much to give to the world to be content with the safe aristocracy of Paris and New York.

He made no mention of these things to me. The idea of recalling him to the nation's service came to my mind after the ship had arrived and we were all decked into the mad, glittering babel of New York, with its audacious towers, its teeming crowds and the crazy symphony of the traffic scored only for horns.

CRIME SHEET

In 1952 the face of the crook has changed...

AT the end of the year the staff of Scotland Yard's Map Room folded up the charts on which, hour by hour, they had been recording the trend of crime in 1952.

Two things can be read with certainty in them:

The face of crime is changing; and the horizons of crime are expanding.

Add these two factors together and you get a third that can also be read from those matter-of-fact charts—

The chances of citizens going about their lawful occasions unarmed have sharply deteriorated.

True, ten thousand arrests had been made last year with the aid of 85,000 "gigs" calls in the Metropolitan Police area. True, this figure has been achieved in spite of the fact that the police are 2,594 men below 1938 strength, and in spite of the fact that there are many new postwar housing sites to be patrolled and protected.

Where?

BUT, in spite of these achievements—and they are real achievements—there is a shadow over those charts, with their neat figures and revealing lines; the shadow of the boy with the cash, the man in a mask.

The cash and the mask—these are the outward proof that, last year in Britain, the face of crime changed.

Why has it changed? To answer this question involves asking three more like this—



WHAT has become of the army of criminals once absorbed in black-market activity?

HOW do thousands now exist who once lived—and lived well—on the fact that essential commodities were scarce?

WHAT new activity occupies the hands which formerly carried out the wholesale hijacking of lorries, the mass thefts of food, clothes, and nylon stockings in their thousands?

Like every other market the basic operating principle of the crime bourse is one of supply and demand.

This is best shown on the front page of Scotland Yard's own newspaper, Daily Information.

Five years ago this journal, which goes out from Whitehall each night to police forces all over the country, featured items like these—

One million coupons stolen from the Petroleum Board's offices in Glasgow... Eighteen hundred ration books and 394,000 clothing coupons missing from the food office at Guildford... Nine million cigarettes hijacked from a lorry on the Great North Road...

Look at the same page today. It is a story of cash, and often cash AND cash. A

PERCY HOSKINS, famous crime reporter and author of "No Hiding Place," the book about Scotland Yard, takes a Yard's-eye view of the way crime in Britain has switched its pattern

robbery of registered mail—an attack upon a wages messenger... a handbag snatched from an 80-year-old woman...

The main black market has gone. The big-time receiver—one detected in 1947—was found to control 16 distributing centres in provincial cities—no longer exists.

Now the bland face which once wore the persuasive smile of a bargainer now dons a mask. The hand which wielded the jemmy now grips a cash.

THAT tax

THE men at Scotland Yard are not the only people who have their fingers permanently on the pulse of crime.

There are other experts who, if anything, possess a more accurate minute-to-minute knowledge of the state of the crime market.

These are the insurance assessors—the men who investigate the claims of the robbed householder, who try to recover (but more frequently have to replace) the stolen goods, who are most conscious of the fact that, throughout the country, only 10 percent of stolen property is ever recovered.

They will tell you that the purchase tax plays its part in the crime wave. Remove the tax from certain articles and they slump on the crime market. That is one reason why jewels and furs retain their underworld value.

The total value of property stolen in London in 1951 was £3,769,500—and only 14 percent of it was recovered. Last year's figure is in the same region.

The big time receiver of the old black market days may have ceased to function in the grand manner.

But it is clear from these figures of stolen property that the crook finds little difficulty in locating a "fence" when he wants one.

And even the face of the "fence" is changing. Remember how, in the old books and films, he used to be portrayed as a sinister character running his racket under cover of a dubious East End shop? That was true, once.

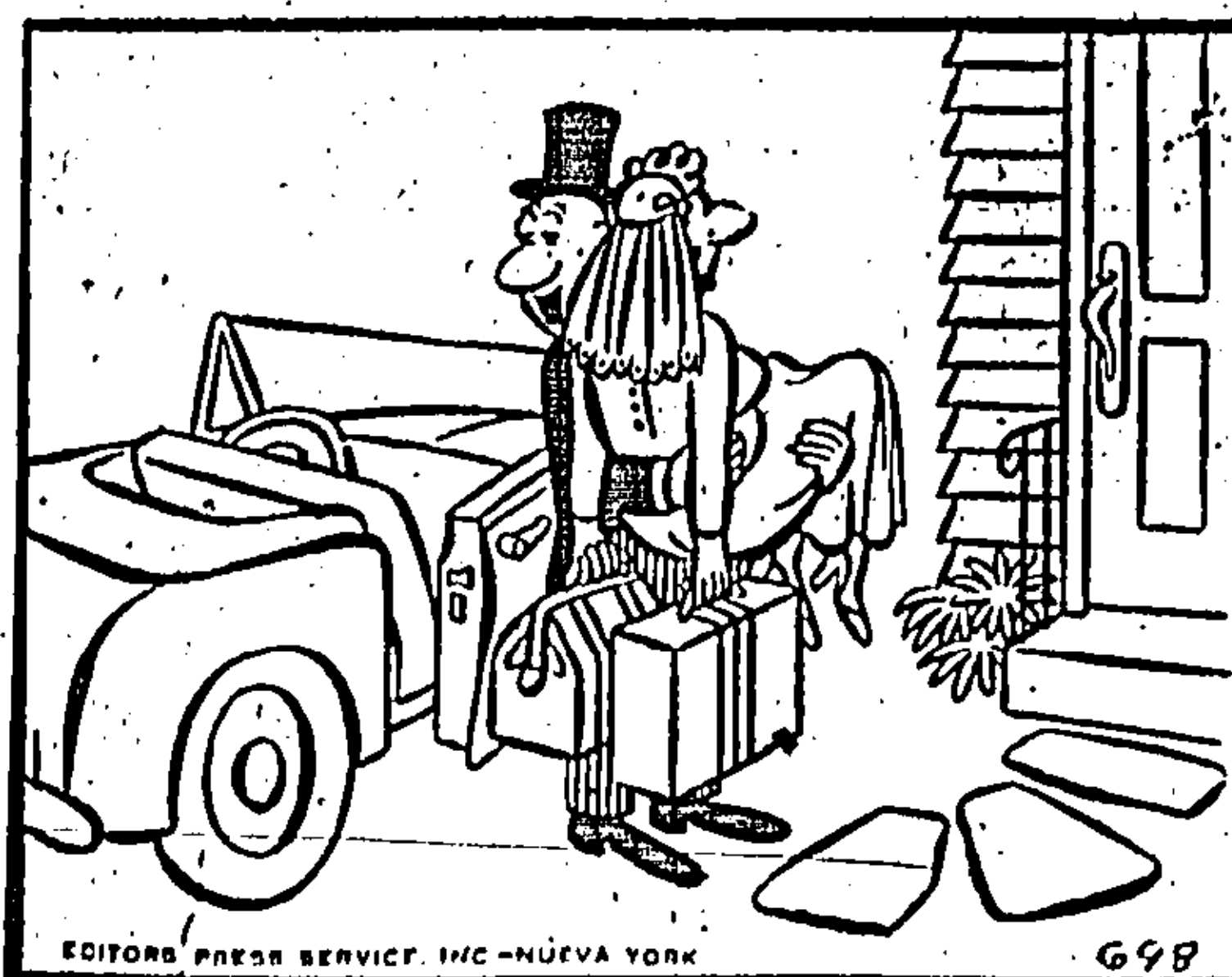
So 'respectable'

BUT in some recent cases the middleman of crime, the "wholesaler" in the stolen-goods trade, has proved to be a man living respectably in a cathedral city.

So action lags behind truth. But crime never lags far behind where the easy money is.

Cash, as I have indicated, breeds crime and the cash. But big money involves big planning, and demands big measures to meet the challenge to the law.

How big is the menace I shall describe tomorrow in the second instalment of my "Crime Sheet" for 1952.



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

It's Easy. Detecting This Bridge Crime

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played, nobody at the table was aware that a bridge crime had taken place. A good detective would have spotted it, however, and maybe you'll do so.

West opened the king of spades, and East signalled with the queen. West continued with the ace of spades and led a third spade to make South ruff.

South next drew two rounds of trumps and lost the diamond finesse to East's king. When East returned a club, South put up the ace and later discarded the queen of clubs on dummy's long diamond. Declarer thus made his contract, losing only two spades and a diamond.

Have you detected the crime and the criminal? Decide this for yourself before you read on.

The contract should have been set, and West was the criminal. When East played the queen of spades on

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE temporary withdrawal from the Wretch household of the twelve red-bearded dwarfs has led many to conjecture that they may, at any moment, turn up in the House of Commons, to uphold the dignity of parliamentary procedure. "How-wow," while reluctant to support what would, per se, be an unconstitutional practice, I have no hesitation in saying that I regard the possibility of such an incursion with unbounded delight, how-wow.

Prognosis: Why do you keep on saying "how-wow"? I am the watchdog of democracy, little Enna Farribole, joint secretary of the Friends of Parliament.

Hold your breath

A VIOLENT onslaught on an assistant in a pastrycook's who "breathed" into a paper bag to open it, landed a nuisance action on the millions of deadly germ lurking among the cakes, with which the bag was subsequently filled. But if that assistant breathes with so crammed with tiny beasts, surely

she should not have been allowed to breathe at all while in the shop. I knew a man who blew up a toy balloon, and when it burst every one within 500 yards got measles. Tomorrow will begin a powerful series of articles on the germs of breathing, and the necessity for discovering some alternative method of preserving life. We can all help by holding our breath while talking to people.

Not necessarily

DI STRABISMUS (Whom God preserve) of Utrecht has invented a small egg-denting machine, releasing a steel tapper which taps the egg gently on the point side the machine produces a dent invisible to the human eye. Asked what the purpose of this dent was, the doctor replied: "Continual improvements are a sign of the vitality of science. It is not always easy for the layman to appreciate technical developments. This system was perfected after numerous experiments on dummy eggs."

Defeatism

A WOMAN wearing on her head one of the new sponge bags would wonder whether it is worth it.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

BORN today, the high degree of reliability and trustworthiness with which you are endowed—when combined with your unique originality of thought and ideas—should help you to achieve an early and brilliant success. Never depend upon others, for in that you will find nothing but competent mediocrity. Careful and shrewd in business affairs, you will very probably accumulate a fortune during your lifetime.

You have a practical, almost materialistic attitude toward life, but this pragmatic point of view is tempered by your natural sympathy and kindness for all those around you. It could never be said that you trampled others underfoot.

father, you might carry others along with you, and you would not take unfair advantage of anyone along the way. Although your intuition is keen, you are not disinclined to pay proper attention to it. As the years pass, it is likely that it will dim unless you utilise it more. Trust it implicitly. An affliction of the heart, you are not as romantic or sentimental as you might be. Your mate will have to be satisfied with a practical, matter-of-fact loyalty—without too much window-dressing. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20): Conquer your energies and follow a regular routine. Don't be too adventurous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): Make use of your magnetic personality today. It can further your advance toward your objective.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20): Finish the job on hand before tackling a new one. Yet, don't forget your objective in a tangle of minutiae.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): Guard your valuables today for carelessness could lead to a serious loss.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21): New trends can prove important to your future conduct. See that you keep fully abreast with the times.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Time and labour-saving devices at home or at the office should be used. Get a job done, fast.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): Test a plan for practicality before you commit all your time and energy to it just now.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23): Don't let your desire for extravagances go beyond what your budget can bear.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): Keep out of a problem which another must solve. Don't offer free advice. It won't be appreciated.

LINER (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): Don't talk too much about your plans just now. Act first—then you can tell everyone about it.

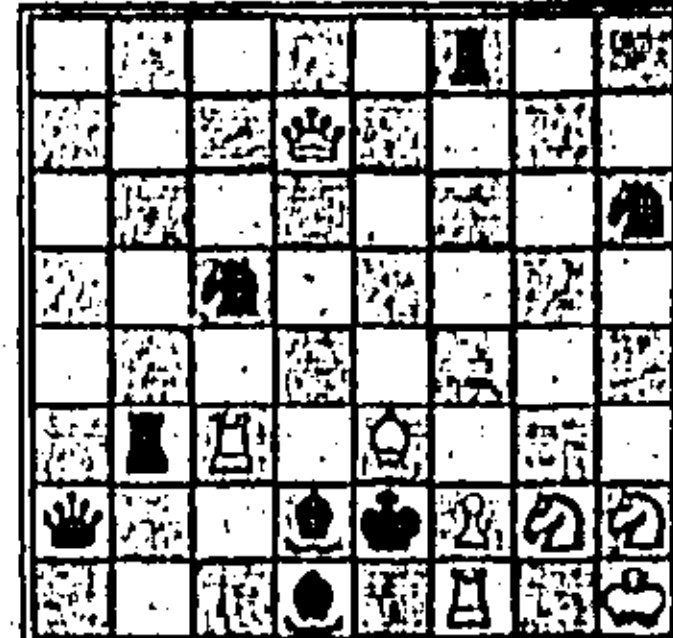
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23): You can have a highly pleasant time, socially. Get out and meet new people. Change your environment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23): Don't push too far. If there seem to be obstacles, bide your time. They will disappear.

CHESS PROBLEM

By W. MAX

Black, 5 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Kt-KB4, any; 2. Q, Kt (ch), or B (ch), or P (dis ch) mates.

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PETTICOAT INFLUENCE

(It goes with the party) (style that greeted 1953)

THE New Year arrived with the ballerina-skirted dress leading the party fashions. To go with it, a full-skirted petticoat is a "must."

You can have one in stiff linen or buckram, but the best of all is one like the petticoat sketched by Rix.

It is in taffeta, in black or white, with a tight-fitting waistband. At the hemline is a circular hoop like those that Victorians used to wear under their crinolines. The hoop is flexible and will not lose its shape or squash when you pack the petticoat into a small suitcase.

Below the hoop is an attractive pleated frill.

The petticoat fastens with a single button.

In black, it could even do duty in an emergency as a party skirt, worn with a plain white blouse.

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Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN



Don't mistake a Ragout for a Stew

"MANY persons think a stew or ragout is one and the same thing," remarked the Chef. "I concede they are alike in that both are composed of meat and vegetables, but they are very different in this regard: Most stews are what you say slap-dashed together, and served with an apology; a ragout is made with care, has interesting seasoning, and is served with importance."

"An unusual point in making the most of the food dollar is brought out in today's menu, Chef. The main dish, your ragout, calls for two kinds of meat, one pound of low-cost stewing beef, and half a pound chopped beef that costs much more. The

vegetables are all on the budget side. The de luxe touch is your puffy egg dumplings."

Today's Dinner

Pickled Beet and Cabbage Salad
Meat Ball-Vegetable Ragout
Puffy Egg Dumplings
Jellied Fruit, Custard Sauce
Coffee, Tea, Milk
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Meat Ball-Vegetable Ragout

This consists of 3 parts: a meat and vegetable stew, small chopped meat balls, and egg dumplings. First prepare the meat and vegetable stew; when nearly done drop in the meat balls and simmer 20 min. Serve topped with puffy egg dumplings cooked separately in boiling water.

The Stew: Into a 3-qt. saucepan put 2 lbs. cracked soup bones (any kind), 1 lb. stewing beef (any cut), and 2 1/2 qts. cold water. Bring to boiling point and skim. Then add 1 chopped onion, 3 cups chopped celery tops, 1 sliced carrot, 1 tsp. pickling spice, 2 tsp. salt, and 1 tsp. monosodium glutamate. Cover and simmer 2 hrs.

Remove the bone and meat; cut the meat into cubes. Strain the broth. Put back two meat balls. Add 1 c. sliced peeled carrots, 1 c. sliced celery, and 4 potatoes cut in eighths. Simmer 45 min. Then add the meat balls. Cover and simmer 20 min. longer.

The liquid should be mostly evaporated. If desired, thicken the gravy with 1/2 cup enriched flour blended with 1 tsp. cold water. Serve in soup plates. Garnish with the dumplings and a little chopped parsley.

Meat Balls: Combine 1/2 lb. chopped beef, 1/2 cup minced onion, 1 tsp. minced parsley, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, 1/2 tsp. ginger and 1 egg yolk. Shape into walnut-sized balls and dust with flour. Cook in the stew as directed.

Puffy Egg Dumplings

Measure 1/4 c. margarine into a platted saucepan. Add 1/3 c. skim milk and 1/4 tsp. salt; bring to a boil. Turn in 1 c. sifted enriched flour, and stir fast until a ball is formed. Stir in 1 unbeaten egg. Shape into walnut-sized balls and drop into a wide saucepan of deep frying pan containing 3 inches of boiling salted water. Cover and simmer 12 min., or until puffy yet firm.

Suggestion of the Chef

Try my puffy egg dumplings as a substantial dessert with hot apple sauce or any hot fruit compote.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Owl Gives a Going-Away Party

—It Was for the Birds Flying South for Winter—

By MAX TRELL

"THERE was a big party in the elm tree last night," Squirrel said to Knarf and Handi, the shadow-children with the turned-about names. "It was a going-away party. Owl gave the party. I never saw so many birds in all my life."

"A going-away party for birds?" Knarf said.

"That's right," said Squirrel. "Where were they going?"

"Some," replied Squirrel, "were going southwest. Some were going southeast. But most of them were just going south."

"Why was that?" Knarf wanted to know.

"Where Winter Isn't," Squirrel said.

"It's very simple," said Squirrel. "South is where the winter isn't. It also isn't in the southwest and southeast. The birds that Owl was giving the going-away party for were all going away from the winter that's coming. And, as I said before, there were thousands of them!"

Knarf and Handi now inquired what birds had come to Owl's going-away party in the elm tree.

"First of all there were the robins. The men and boy robins wore red vests, while the lady and girl robins wore pale pink sashes. They all

carried little brown valises, and kept telling everyone about the beautiful juicy earthworms they were going to catch in the South.

"Then," continued Squirrel, "there were the swallows. They came dressed in their—"

"I know," what they came dressed in?" Knarf exclaimed.

"You do?" said Squirrel.

"Yes—they came dressed in their swallow-tails."

Downy Gray Wrens

"You're as right as right can be," nodded Squirrel. "They came in their swallow-tails. The little wrens were there, too—pretty dainty folk, sort of downy grey. All they carried were little bags with their brushes, combs and their bedroom slippers."

"I never heard of a wren sleeping in a bedroom," interrupted Handi.

"No, neither did I," said Squirrel, "and perhaps they have another name for their slippers. But at any rate, they had them ready to use on their long trip away from the winter. The starlings were there. They were also going away. So were the thrushes and so were the larks and the orioles."

"Were the sparrows there, Squirrel?" asked Knarf.

"Yes, they were there. But they weren't going away. They were there just to say good-bye to those who were going



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away. The sparrows stay right here for the winter.

"Were the crows there?"

Elm Tree Full

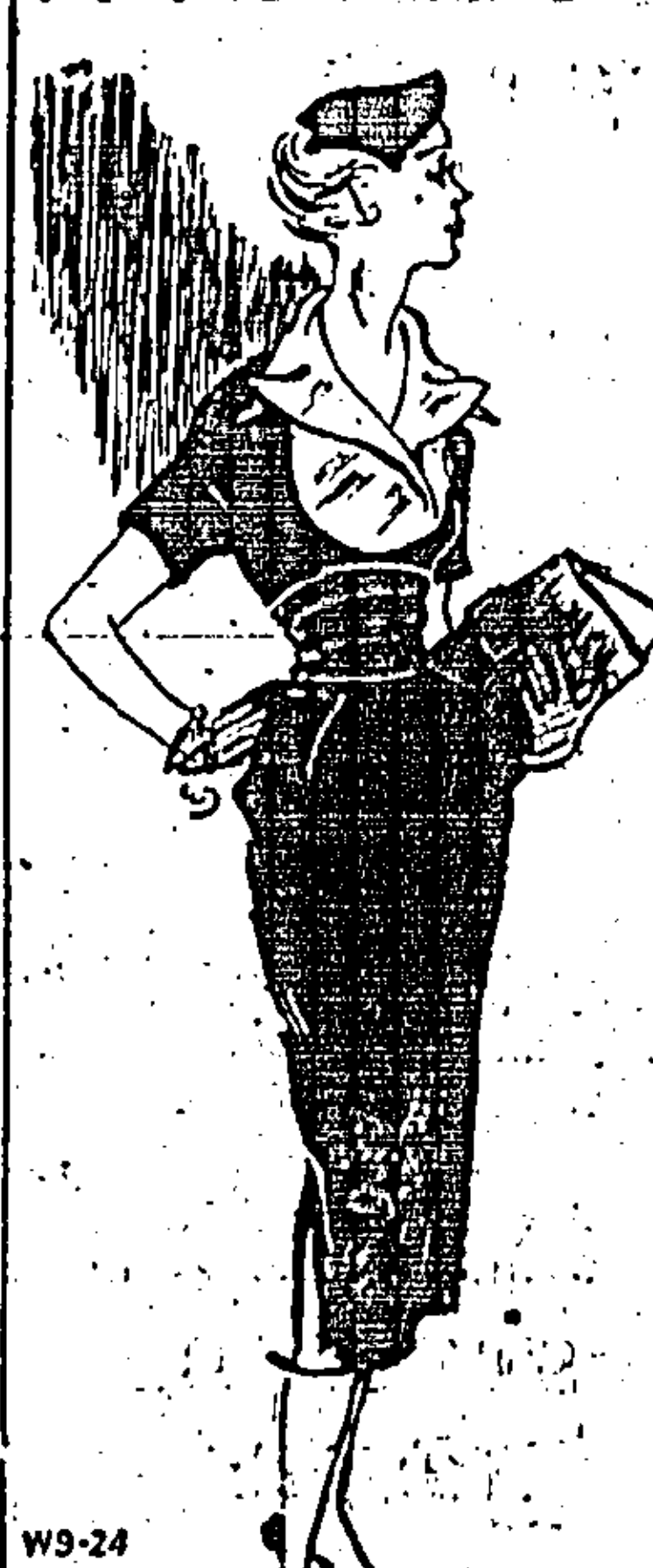
"Yes, and they stay here, too. So," continued Squirrel, "between the birds that were going away and the birds that came to say good-bye, the whole elm tree was alive with them. They chirped, and twirled, and chattered, and sang and picked and pecked and flew and fluttered all night long. I didn't get a wink of sleep. I'm sorry, of course, to see them all go, but I suppose winter wouldn't be winter unless they went away."

"But the one who was so restless of all, was the cat," he added.

"I bet I know why," said Handi.

"I bet I do, too," said Knarf. "I bet everybody does," said Squirrel. And he laughed.

A New Line



By VERA WINSTON

SLIM and belted is the specification of many a dress this season, in marked contrast to the flowy folds of the past season. Black or dark brown tissue faille is used for this straight and narrow dress, with a white satin gilet which is detachable, set into the deep, rounded neckline. The skirt has peg top pockets below the self-fabric fascias, very wide, very draped and clasped in the back, whose purpose is to minimise the waist and midriff.

The daily use of the hair brush not only removes a vast amount of surface dust, but it has a favourable effect upon the growth.

100 Strokes

In those "good old days" of which grandma tells, there was one beauty rule that was never broken—100 strokes of the brush every night, late or early. Hair, in those days, was valued by thickness and length. From the time when the bob cut the world on its ear, brushing seems to have been overlooked in the good-looks sections.

The dry scalp is benefited by lubrication, just as the dry complexion is normalised by the use of creams. A little hot mineral oil frictioned in the scalp, now and then, will loosen dead skin scales. They can then be lavaged away next morning with a brisk, thorough shampoo.

Most women blessed with beautiful tresses, take them for granted. That is a mistake. They are subject to ill, like any other part of the human composition. When the growth thing at the temples, a woman files into a panic. Maybe that calamity might have been prevented had she had her shampoo regularly, brushed her locks nightly, kept the scalp in condition.

Baby's IQ No Test, Professor Says

Alton, O. — Your baby's high IQ doesn't mean a thing so far as his later intelligence is concerned and neither does a low IQ rating.

Prof. Benjamin Mehler, Kent State University psychologist, says babies just a few months old don't have enough intelligence to make any kind of report accurate.

"Below two years old," most psychologists would feel squeamish about saying this child has such and such intelligence quotient," he said. "We can make predictions about his intelligence but the science is still imperfect in many ways."

Measurement of a baby's intelligence is usually done by testing his ability to learn or to grasp problem solutions—extremely simple solutions, of course.—United Press

Rupert and the Diamond Leaf—23



At length, finding that she can't get nearer the earth, Lily stops trying, and, using her wings, she turns Rupert over.

"Now you can see where you're going," she says. "Thanks, that feels better," says the little bee. "Do you know, I've been thinking, do you suppose that those berries that we ate from the plane with the diamond leaves can have caused this and made us lighter than air?" Lily doesn't answer, for a faint green beam shines down from the sky and the over levelly mountains.



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Don't forget your Rupert Annual

DUMB-BELLS

WHEN WILL THE DOCTOR RETURN?

I DON'T KNOW HE'S BEEN CALLED OUT ON AN ETERNITY CASE!



INTELLIGENCE TEST

THE SAURIANS

By T. O. HART

THE Lizards, the Newts, the Chameleons, and the Aspidochelons, constitute the Saurian League. Last autumn, each team played one match (except against each of the others. The result was natural. No match was drawn, and no two matches produced the same score. After taking point-averages into account, the ranking order of the competitors, and goals scored for and against, were: (1) Newts, 7-5; (2) Chameleons, 5-3; (3) Aspidochelons, 3-2; (4) Lizards, 2-1.

Now did the Aspidochelons fare against the Lizards?

(Solution on Page 10).

SOUTH CHINA BEAT ARMY 3-0 AND SHOW UP AS A VASTLY IMPROVED TEAM

By "SPIV"

South China, though still one point behind Kitchee, maintained their one-game advantage over the Senior League leaders when they defeated Army yesterday by three goals to nil, all of which were scored by Lee Yuk-tak.

Army, still dogged by injuries, were without Casey, Ward and Poole, and on the run of play yesterday deserved better than their 3-0 fate.

They had as much of the play as their opponents and almost as many chances at goal, but lack of accurate shooting power and slow manoeuvring into position brought all these opportunities to naught.

After trailing by one goal to nil in the first half, Osborne presented right-wing Hunt with three glorious chances when after leading the defence a merry chase he sent in each time a beautiful centre above the defenders only to see Hunt slam the ball almost at point blank range wide of the mark.

Osborne showed tremendous speed and excellent ball control and time and again in the first half ripped the South China defence open with his runs along the touchline or into the middle, but was surprisingly almost completely starved in the second half.

Marston at inside-left worked hard and succeeded on a number of occasions to get his forwards going with well-placed passes, but Gray at centre-forward was below form, being erratic with the chances that came his way.

The Army defence stood up stoutly against the superior South China forward line, and although coming out the better in the direct tackle, were greatly handicapped in speed, whether on the run or to the turn of the ball.

The first goal could have been scored had centre-half Barlowe or right-back Powall been a little faster to the ball to tackle Lee Yuk-tak after he had got past left-back Wells, and the second goal too if Barlowe had been a little quicker with his foot in stopping the short centre from Lee Kwong-wing which set past him to give Lee Yuk-tak a clear shot at goal.

CANNOT BE BLAMED

Williams at goal cannot be blamed for the three goals he conceded and was responsible for the first two.

French Win Test From Australians

Bordeaux, Dec. 11.

A goal and a try in the opening minutes gave France a 5-0 victory over Australia in the second Rugby League Test match here today.

The two countries are now level in the series, for Australia won the first Test in Paris by 16 to 12. The third and final Test will be played on January 25 at Lyons.

Today's match was a grim struggle from start to finish and the only score came when Genouet won the first clean scrum at the game and Montrouille shot through to send the ball out to Benausse.

He made ground and passed to Corriere, who went over near the corner, Churchill's sliding tackle being just too late. River made a fine conversion from near touch.—Reuter.

ALL-ENGLAND BADMINTON

London, Jan. 10.

Geoffrey King of Kent today won the singles title in the All-England Junior Badminton Championships at Wimbledon.

King who eliminated Jimmy Lim of Malaya in the semi-finals yesterday, to-day defeated Graham Bell of Yorkshire by 15-0 and 15-2. He also won the doubles and mixed doubles.—Reuter.

KCC TENNIS

The winner in the Ladies' Section of the Kowloon Cricket Club American Tennis Tournament at Cox's Road yesterday was Mrs. M. Ramchand. Mrs. L. F. Stokes was runner-up.

In the Men's Section, Major G. Walker took honours, with D. Chen runner-up. The winners of the Baby Prize were Mrs. G. Gillard and Master E. Flynn.

LINZ WIN IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta, Jan. 11.

Austria's Linz Athletic Sports Club today defeated the Indian Football Association, consisting of the best players in East Bengal, 2-0.

20,000 spectators cheered the visitors' sparkling display of clever short passes and superb control of the ball.—France Press.

Schools' Football

The following are the results of the soccer matches in the School Football League played yesterday.

Junior Division—St. Louis 4, Aberdeen 0; Wah Yan H.K. 4, Y.M.T. Prim. 1; Junior Tech. 1, Wah Yan Kin 0; St. Joseph's 7, Hennessy Road 0; Northcote 1, King's 7; Saleman 5, E.K.F.M. 0; Queen's 5, E.K.A.M. 0.

Senior Division—Wah Yan Kin 2, St. Joseph's 1.

From Australia, following the South African victory at Melbourne, comes a frank, revealing disclosure of the problems facing the team that will visit England this summer. It is written by Cliff Cary, Australian journalist and broadcaster, whose book "Cricket Controversy" created a storm after the MCC Australian tour in 1946-47.

Australian Cricket Is "On The Skids"

JEALOUSIES—AND OLD AGE

Australian cricket is on the skids. It has all been caused by a Board of Control tottering with old age, inter-State jealousies, and selectors who lack courage, imagination, and vision.

Together they are wrecking the world's greatest cricketing machine. Unless a miracle happens, the machine will be completely dismantled this summer by Hutton and his men.

Officials must accept 90 per cent of the blame for the tragic decline which today makes it hard for us even to put up a respectable show against the South African "second" eleven. There can be no hope for our future while certain men are allowed to sit in secret and dominate the game even to the extent of barring Sid Barnes and if anyone be true, also placing a ban on Don Tallon, whose form this summer ranks him with Evans as the world's best wicketkeeper.

Inside reports too suggest there is no longer evident the great comradeship which helped to build our famous post-war eleven.

English cricket followers must be staggered at our consistent batting failures and bowling lapses against the South Africans, and I shudder to think what would be our fate if Eric Rowan, McCarthy, Nourse, Chubb, and other top-class stars were in Cheetam's side.

Without the bumper our fast men are still clever but no longer devastating, and the absence of a continual hostile barrage from one end has also had its effect on Bill Johnston at the other.

Our attack in England, with bumpers permitted, will be more virile and dangerous but, even so, will lack the youthful sting which had so many England players ducking, flicking, and playing late in the last three rubbers.

Lindwall and Miller, given a free hand, remain world class, and on English pitches Johnston will be better suited.

Against this is the fact that our fast bowlers are ageing, and on tour it is problematical how they will stand up to six days every week, especially as Miller will be called upon to play many long innings to help the several weak chinks in our batting—which is lamentable at the moment.

NO LONGER GREAT Morris is no longer great. Hassett and Ian Johnson appear to be almost over the hill. Harvey is consistently inconsistent, while Ring has slowed up in the field and in inter-State matches his efforts to spin out opposing batsmen have been pitiful.

But because of our present cricket set-up, all these men, except Johnson are certainties for selection.

To them you can safely add the names of rather negative batsmen, except Johnson are certainties for selection.

The remaining five positions will be filled by Davidson, Carroll, de Cosey, Craig, Ian Johnson, Noblett, or Ron Archer.

Our only young bowler of potential class is Davidson. He is a younger edition of Johnston, but cannot spin the old ball like the Victorian.

He is fast—something like Voce—and can be hostile. He also bats well and fields brilliantly.

Hole is an excellent stroke-maker, but Benaud is still a gamble.

URGENTLY NEEDED Carroll is a better opening batsman than McDonald but neither is in the same class as Barnes, who is urgently needed to solidify our batting and give it guts.

I think Alec Bodeser will be more than delighted with our front-line batsmen, while only Miller is left to stem total collapse.

Craig is good—a second Archie Jackson—but he may be too young for our old Control Board members, and these same gentlemen do not like de Courcy because he commits the unpardonable sin of making strokes. I think, however, that he must make the side.

No matter how you view the probable Australian team you cannot help feeling that it will completely lack the fighting spirit, consistent batting strength and tactical leadership to hold the Ashes against an England which has been team-building with marked success.

In Hutton, England has a man who will make the negative and uninspiring Hassett more than feel his increasing years long before the tour is over.

If Denis Compton is fit to give of his best, and with Hutton, Gracey, May, Alec Bodeser, Evans, Trueman, Tattersall, and others in the line-up against us, no Australian can feel confident.

Your store of potential Test stars doesn't end there.

In Australia we have a big opinion of Eric Bessier, yet to wear an England cap, and we have seen enough of Sheppard and Tkin to realise your final eleven will be many more times powerful than the South Africans, who are at present making us feel anything but the champion cricket nation of the world.

Your cricketers are in for a very happy New Year. Our only hope is for a Control Board, entrusted to retrain Barnes and hand over the leadership to Miller.

It took Sedgman three sets and an hour and 10 minutes, but he evened the series with a masterful exhibition of controlled tennis.—United Press.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, today turned down a million dollar offer to become head of the International Boxing Club.

Mr. James Norris, President of the IBC, announced that he had received a telegram from Mr. Hoover expressing appreciation of the offer made to him, but saying he could not accept such an opportunity at this time.

Mr. Harry Markson, Managing Director of the IBC, announced a week ago that the Organisation planned to offer the FBI director a ten-year contract calling for \$100,000 a year, to head the organisation.—Reuter.

RUGGER INTERNATIONAL

France Opens Season With A Victory Over Scotland

Paris, Jan. 10.

France opened the International Rugby Union season with a victory over Scotland today by 11 points (one goal, one dropped goal and one penalty) to five (one goal) at Colombes Stadium here.

At half time France led 6-5. Scotland had a good share of the play, and in the last 20 minutes came near snatching victory.

In this period the fast hardworking Scottish forwards gained the ascendancy over the heavier French pack, but the weight of their forwards had given France a decided advantage until the pack began to tire.

The three-quarters to-day were far from brilliant on either side. The French Olympic sprinter Alain Portbault, from whom much was expected, had a disappointing game.

The best three-quarter on the field was Scotland's right wing D.M. Rose, who got in some sparkling runs.

Shortly before the end of the match he brought the crowd to their feet by crossing the French line carrying two French players with him, but the referee decreed a French touch down.

Both full-backs played a sound game, with Scotland's N.W. Cameron a little better of the two. He added the points to his side's try with a great kick from five yards inside the touch line.

SNAPS UP LOOSE BALL France opened the scoring in the seventh minute with a penalty goal by R. Bertrand from an easy position. Six minutes later they went further ahead through a fine piece of opportunism by Carabignac, the fly half, who snapped up a loose ball following a line-out and dropped a fine goal.

Scottish attacks brought their reward when Rose dived over in the corner for a try and Cameron converted.

France got the only score of the second half with one of the best movements of the game. Wing forward R. Borel was up to accept a pass from Maurice Prat, the left centre, and touch-er down near the posts to give Bertrand an easy conversion.

A crowd of about 40,000 watched the match played in damp, foggy weather.

Scotland made great efforts to save the game as the French pack tired in the last 20 minutes. D. M. Scott, the left centre, went through the French defence like a steam roller until he was checked five yards out and the ball went loose. Then came Rose's great effort as he barged across the line with two French players hanging on to him.—Reuter.

FINAL IRISH TRIAL London, Jan. 10.

In a rousing and exhilarating game, which provided the selectors with valuable information, the Probables beat the Possibles by 10 points (two placed goals, a penalty goal and a try) to 11 (a placed goal and two tries) in the final Irish Rugby trial at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, to-day.

In a fine match, the first half provided the better play. After the interval the Probables pack gradually wore down their opposite numbers who had up till then been more or less a match for their fancied rivals.

Of the full-backs, Robin Gregg was more prominent than the man in possession, the Reverend Gerry Murphy, who played in four of the five Internationals last year. Kevin Quinn and A.W. Browne, opposite centres, changed places at half time. Quinn going over to the Probables and making a strong claim for his first green cap since 1948. He showed to-day that he can be a most menacing attacking centre.

Of the three-quarters none really enhanced his reputation, though Jack Kyle and Herby McCracken were both alert in defence and attack. The most impressive forwards were Larry Warke, Robin Roe, Freddie Anderson, Paddy Lawlor, Tom Reid, A.L. Browne, Ronnie Kavanagh and J. R. Brady.

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TODAY'S SPORT

Squash

Colony Open Championships at Victoria Square Courts—Major J. K. Forrester v. J. H. Newall (15-10); C. B. Forrester v. J. H. Newall (15-10); J. H. Newall v. J. K. Forrester (15-10); J. K. Forrester v. J. H. Newall (15-10).

Table Tennis—J. H. Newall v. J. K. Forrester (15-10); J. K. Forrester v. J. H. Newall (15-10); J. H. Newall v. J. K. Forrester (15-10); J. K. Forrester v. J. H. Newall (15-10).

Badminton—J. H. Newall v. J. K. Forrester (15-10); J. K. Forrester v. J. H. Newall (15-10); J. H. Newall v. J. K. Forrester (15-10); J. K. Forrester v. J. H. Newall (15-10).

Football—J. H. Newall v. J. K. Forrester (15-10); J. K. Forrester v. J. H. Newall (15-10); J. H. Newall v. J. K. Forrester (15-10); J. K. Forrester v. J. H. Newall (15-10).

Cricket—J. H. Newall v. J. K. Forrester (15-10); J. K. Forrester v. J. H. Newall (15-10); J. H. Newall v. J. K. Forrester (15-10); J. K. Forrester v. J. H. Newall (15-10).

Rugby—J. H. Newall v. J. K. Forrester (15-10); J. K. Forrester v. J. H. Newall (15-10); J. H. Newall v. J. K. Forrester (15-10); J. K. Forrester v. J. H. Newall (15-10).

Week-End Softball

BRAVES FORGE AHEAD WITH CRUSHING 17-2 VICTORY OVER THE MADCAPS

By "KEYSTONE"

Displaying tip-top Championship form, the Braves crushed Buster Hollands' Madcaps with a 17-2 score yesterday to surge further up in the Senior "A" Division ladder.

In the morning game, the US Navy squad backed up newcomer Bogard's six-hit pitching with a thunderous Navy barrage of eleven solid hits, including three home runs, to down the really luckless Pandas 14-13.

Yesterday afternoon's opening game between the Jaguars and the Warriors proved, as expected, a scoreless grudge fight from which the fighting Warriors emerged bloodied but victorious, snatching a hard-won 7-6 victory out of Jaguar jaws with a last-inning rally.

In the first of the five-game play-off series of the Ladies' loop, the Champion Wahoes took the first round from their arch-rivals the Squaws, wresting an 8-4 decision from the well-oiled squaws with a five-run spurge in the extra inning after the ball game was tied up at the end of seven full innings.

Highlight of Senior "B" Division activities over the week-end was the double-header played off by the crinson Americans who, stung by another drawn eight-inning game with the hustling Rexes on Saturday, unlimbered all their heavy artillery to blast the Delawares into submission with an 11-hit attack to win easily by 14-7 yesterday noon.

BIGGEST SURPRISE

Bunching their hits when they were most needed, the Navy boys pulled the biggest surprise of the week-end by outbunting and outplaying the Pandas in every department of the game to chalk up a fine win.

Newcomer Bogard hurled steady ball all the way, walking five Pandas batters and allowing six well spread-out hits.

He was more than adequately backed up by the booming bats of his teammates, who clouted Pandas' chucker Jimmy Herriek for no less than 11 sizzling blows, including a tremendous second-inning homer into centre shortstop Pancho Gonzales and two rousing out-of-the-park round-trippers by southpaw first baseman Wucher.

The Pandas started off in style with two runs in the first inning when shortstop Tim Wang connected safely, advanced on C. Y. Lu's grounder. Both runners scored when rightfielder S. S. Hay poled out a three-bagger to left.

The Bears tallied three more times in the second canto to run up a total of five runs, but the Navy boys started swinging with a will in the second inning when two home runs pushed five Navy runs across the plate. The gobs went further ahead in the third with another run which came in on a walk and a wild pitch, but fell victims to a scintillating double play.

BIG INNING

The sixth was the big inning for the Chinese boys, when they scored eight times on two hits and three walks. Hefty outfielder C. Y. Lu lifted a towering fly into the outfield gardens which the fielder let go.

PAKISTAN XI IN BURMA

Rangoon, Jan. 10. The visiting Pakistan cricket team dismissed Burma Cricket Board's XI for 94 in two hours yesterday, the final day of a two-day match. Before stumps were drawn, the day of Pakistan had scored 191 for five wickets.

The tourists gave a fine demonstration of stylish and aggressive batting, with Hanee completing a century just before stumps were drawn.

Pakistan had early shocks with opening batsman Islam out without scoring followed by Wazir Mohammed being clean bowled for one run, but then they took command and 80 runs came in the first hour despite those quick wickets. — Reuters.

over his head for a three-run homer.

Going into the last inning with the score 13-7 in their favour, the Pandas eased up their efforts a little too soon and, before they realised it, the fighting Navy squad had knotted the score with six big hits, driven in by four solid and advanced to the park home of the game.

In their last turn at bat, the Pandas went down in rapid one-two-three order. Jimmy Herriek popped up feebly to third base for the first out, Y. S. Ling went down on a grounder to short and C. M. Tung swung three fruitless times at the elusive apple for the final out.

Timely hitting won the day for Uncle Sam's Navy, who bunched two clutch hits in their last inning to push across the winning run. Lead-off man Duvall opened the fateful inning with a stinging double and advanced to scoring position on an infield out.

Pancho Gonzales popped for the second down, but centre-fielder Foote came through with a clutch grounder to short which he beat out to score the winning run from third.

Apart from their heavy hitting, the Navy outfit outplayed the underdog Pandas, pulling off two double-plays to spoil all chances for a Chinese comeback attempt.

ON A PLATTER

Outbunting the Warriors nine to two, the Jaguars handed over the ballgame to their rivals on a silver platter with two costly errors in the action-filled last inning, allowing in three runs to enable the Warriors to snatch a dramatic 7-6 win.

Putting out a radically-changed set of infielders with former Jaguar protégé Stephen Xavier at shortstop and Reggie Santos at the hot corner, the aggressive Warriors outfit played heads-up ball all throughout the hot and dusty afternoon to put out over the fence.

They led from the start with four runs in the first three innings on one solitary hit, against which the Jags could make reply with a single tally when third baseman Gerald Van Langenberg lofted an outside pitch into right centre, where it landed the full just over the fence for a four-bagger.

Both sides settled down to some fine, tight ball. Till the sixth inning, when the Jaguars exploded back into the picture with two runs manufactured around a hit and an error.

Langenberg slipped out another towering fly to centre which was misjudged, allowing him to scamper the whole way back home.

Then, after two away, Lionel Sequeira surprised all present with a little bingle into centre, scoring from second when Red Pereira's pop-fly was allowed to drop into the dirt by pitcher Joey Franco while the Warriors infield all gaped open-mouthed.

GRABBED THE LEAD

The Jaguars grabbed the lead in the last inning with three bunched-up hits which brought in an equal number of runs and turned the score to 6-4 in their favour.

But the Warriors fought right back when they got their first two men on base through walks and centre-fielder Tito Hyndman slapped out a clutch single to score one runner, while the second was erased by a fine cut-off play.

Pitcher Joey Franco drew the third walk, then Stephen Xavier grounded to third, and the ball hit and bounced off the home plate to tip the scoring threat, allowing the tying run to cross the rubber.

Franco reached third on this play, and he brought in the

winning run to end the game when Vic Vinna drove a grounder to short which was fumbled.

Losing pitcher Vic Pedrucci hurled fine steady ball, walking five and striking out three while allowing only two measly hits. Warriors slasher Joey Franco walked two and fanned one batter, but was nipped for nine safeties, including Van Langenberg's out-of-the-park homer and two hits apiece by Frankie Barros, Vic Pedrucci and Tiger Hussain.

The Warriors displayed steady and smoother teamwork, generally to overcome their hitting deficiencies, and made full use of every scoring opportunity that came their way. Fighting spirit and unlimited pep won a great victory for them against the loose-fiddling and erratic performance of the Jaguars.

SMOOTH-CLICKING

In yesterday's nightcap, the League-leading Braves showed off their own leisurely brand of smooth-clicking teamwork to take an easy 17-2 game against the Madcaps.

Caps starting pitcher Joey Graca, apparently awed by the top-notch opposition, generously issued an even dozen free tickets to first in the first couple of innings, walking three in the first and nine in the second for seven unearned runs before he was snatched to the outfield in a flourish in favour of veteran Kelly Silva-Netto.

But Silva-Netto found that the fire thus lighted had already turned into an uncontrollable forest blaze, and the Braves went on scoring merrily in every inning to run up a top-heavy lead of 15 runs.

The only reply the Caps could muster was through a walk and a bunt which finally pushed across two markers in the final inning, thus breaking the long succession of zeros hung up on the scoreboard.

The Caps garnered three other hits off Tribesman Chapelle Remedios' tricky quasillegal deliveries, but all scoring attempts were nipped when the Tribe dazzled the opposition with two tinging double-plays, the second being pulled off by leftfielder Carlos Remedios' beautiful running, shooting catch and relay-peg to first to double the runner.

Southpaw centre-fielder, Bull Dasher contributed to his team's cause with two solid blows, including a screaming liner to left centre which eluded the surprised outfield pickets for a two-run homer.

Scottish League Standings

London, Jan. 11. Scottish Football League standings after yesterday's matches were:

"A" Division				
Club	P	W	D	L
East Fife	16	11	4	1
Highland	15	10	3	2
St. Mirren	14	9	5	0
Celtic	13	8	5	0
St. Johnstone	12	7	5	0
Queen's Park	11	6	5	0
Greenock	10	5	5	0
Partick	9	4	5	0
Dundee	8	3	5	0
Hearts	7	2	5	0
Ruthie	6	1	5	0
"B" Division				
Club	P	W	D	L
Hamilton	14	10	3	1
Stirling	13	9	3	1
Arbroath	12	8	3	1
Morton	11	7	3	1
Stenhouse	10	6	3	1
Ayr United	9	5	3	1
Kilmarnock	8	4	3	1
Dundee U.	7	3	3	1
Queen's Park	6	2	3	1
Kilmarnock	5	1	3	1
Alloa	4	0	3	1
St. Johnstone	3	0	3	1
Perth A.	2	0	3	1
Cowdenbeath	1	0	3	1
Albion	0	0	3	1

FINAL WELSH RUGBY TRIAL



Scrum-half Billy Williams looks in trouble as Meredith looms over him, while John Huins (left) and Alan Forward converge on the ball in the final Welsh Rugby Trial at Cardiff Arms Park. Wales play England at Cardiff on Saturday.

Thrills And Shocks In Third Round Of FA Cup Competition

London, Jan. 10.

The third round of the English Football Association Cup competition always brings its quota of thrills and shocks and today was no exception.

Third Division clubs, Gateshead, Halifax, Scunthorpe, Tranmere and Colchester, deserve high mention, but perhaps one of the most gallant performances was achieved by the London amateurs, Walthamstow Avenue, holders of the English FA Amateur Cup.

In defeating professional opponents' Stockport County 2-1, the Avenue became the first amateur side for 24 years to reach the round of the last 32.

In the 1928-29 season, the Old Corinthians accomplished this performance, but they had been exempted until the third round. Walthamstow have played through the recent rounds, defeating another Third Division club, Watford, in the process. Both their goals today came from inside-right Lucas.

The other London amateur club, Finchley, were hardly ever in the game at Shrewsbury, and only a fine display by their goalkeeper prevented a heavier defeat than 2-0.

Finchley, who began their Cup run in the first qualifying round last September helped, however, to establish a new ground record attendance at Shrewsbury—16,278.

Colchester did almost as well in drawing at Rotherham.

Fog interfered with two games. The Bolton-Fulham tie could not be started, and only eight minutes football was possible at Newcastle in the match between the Cup holder and Swansea Town.

The Newcastle crowd of 63,480, the highest attendance of the day, paid over £7,000 for their brief glimpse of play.

Truly a golden game with more big receipts to come, when the match takes place again next Wednesday.

Apart from some mild booing the huge crowd took the referee's decision quietly.

In many places white balls and sometimes orange ones were used to help combat the mist and mud.

MATTHEWS BACK

Irrepressible—England and Blackpool winger, Stanley Matthews, made a dramatic return to football after being out through injury for three months.

He played a brilliant game, scored the first goal and played a leading part in the great Blackpool 2-1 triumph over Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough, where another crowd of more than 60,000 was present.

Soccer attendances have been falling off in recent weeks, but the glamour of the Cup brought crowds flocking back everywhere, and the 31 games attracted nearly a million spectators. In most cases they were given value for money.

The dramatic switch of the classic of the round, Preston winning a thrill-packed match by five goals to two, little centre-forward Charlie Wayman scored a hat-trick for Preston. With 15 League points out of a possible 16 in their last eight games and today's magnificent victory, which brought their goals tally to 30 in that period, proud Preston are going to take some stopping.

REMARKABLE RALLIES

Remarkable rallies brought glory to Chelsea and Barnsley. Chelsea looked thoroughly demoralised at Derby when they were trailing 1-4 after 97 minutes, but the Londoners, brilliantly led by England centre-forward, Roy Bentley, rallied to force a replay on Wednesday.

Barnsley were three goals down at half-time in their home match against Brighton, but they fought back to win 4-3.

Arrival, the Cup favourites, swept to a decisive 4-0 win over Doncaster Rovers, but another famous London First Division club, Charlton Athletic, crashed 3-1 away to dual City, the Yorkshire Second League team.

Highest individual scorer of the round was first the Manchester City inside-forward, who netted four times in the 7-0 trouncing of Swindon. The Scottish Cup programme is a fortnight away, but the League

FEARS WERE GROUNDLESS

London, Jan. 11. Fears that huge entries would ruin the Grand National have been proved groundless, for this year at least.

Out of a total of about 160 horses qualified, only 73 have actually been entered for the race to be run at Aintree on March 28.

This is 11 fewer than last year's entry of 84, which produced a field of 47.

The actual number of runners this year may be about 40, considerably less than the record of 68 in 1929, when the 100 to 1 shot Greasebolt won.

The entries include nine Irish horses and one French, Saladin, owned by a Swiss Army Lieutenant, Rene Andreotti.

If Saladin runs, he will be the first Swiss-owned horse ever to compete in the race. — Reuters.

Business Houses Federation

A meeting of the Business Houses Sports Federation will be held in the Dairy Farm Sports Association Club Room, Lower Albert Road, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 15.



PIRIE WINS IN PARIS

Paris, Jan. 11. Gordon Pirie, British Olympian, won the International Cross Country Race today for the second year in succession.

He covered the nine kilometres (just under six miles) course in 29 minutes 11 seconds, which was 23 seconds faster than his winning time last year.

Belgians took the second and third places. — Reuters.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1953

Saturday 17th, Wednesday 21st & Saturday 24th Jan. 1953 (Hold under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club).

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race will be run at 12.00 NOON each day. The time interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (30 in all).

Through Tickets (30 Races—\$60.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup Sweep" scheduled to be run on 24th January, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 16th January, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at:

5 D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong or 362 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:

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Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, or the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices, the Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. on 24th January. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Member's Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order, H. MISA, Secretary.

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"SZECHUEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 17th Jan.	
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"HANYANG"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 24th Jan.	
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 24th Jan.	
"FUNGING"	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar	8 a.m. 26th Jan.	
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	3 p.m. 27th Jan.	
"PAKHOT"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	10 a.m. 30th Jan.	
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"FOYANG"	Singapore	12th Jan.	
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	13th Jan.	
"ANKING"	Singapore	14th Jan.	
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	15th Jan.	
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	17th Jan.	
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	21st Jan.	
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ARRIVALS FROM			
"CHANGTE"	Kure	7 a.m. 14th Jan.	
"TAIYUAN"	Yokohama	21st Jan.	
"CHANGSHA"	Australia & Manila	26th Jan.	

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"AGAPENOR"	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	25th Jan.	
"ASCANIUS"	Liverpool & Dublin	25th Jan.	
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"AUTOMEDON"	Dublin & Liverpool	23rd Feb.	
"ATREUS"	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	25th Feb.	
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Sails			
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S. "CALIAS"	do	do	17th Jan.
S. "AUTOMEDON"	do	do	23rd Jan.
S. "ATREUS"	do	do	30th Jan.
S. "TELEUS"	do	do	6th Feb.
S. "MENTOR"	do	do	13th Feb.
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"BENCRUACHAN"	Japan 14th Feb.
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"BENVENUE"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Antwerp, Rotterdam and Hamburg. 12th Jan.
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"BENRECH"	Direct to Singapore, thence Genoa, London, Hull and Hamburg. 22nd Jan.
"BENHIO"	Sandakan, Singapore, Haifa, London, Rotterdam and Hull. 5th Feb.
"BENCRUACHAN"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Dublin, Hamburg and Antwerp. 11th Feb.
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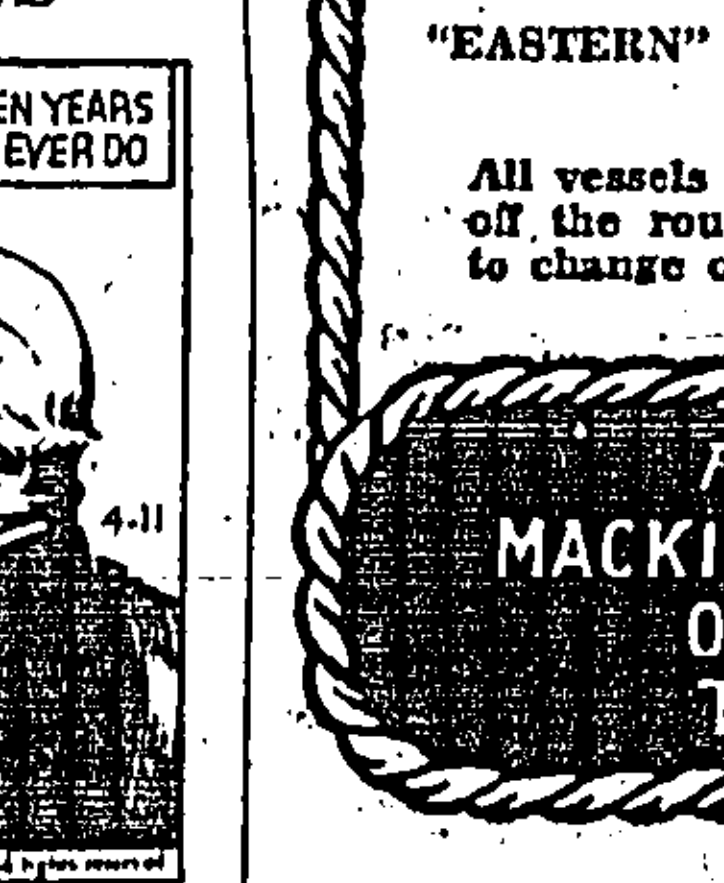
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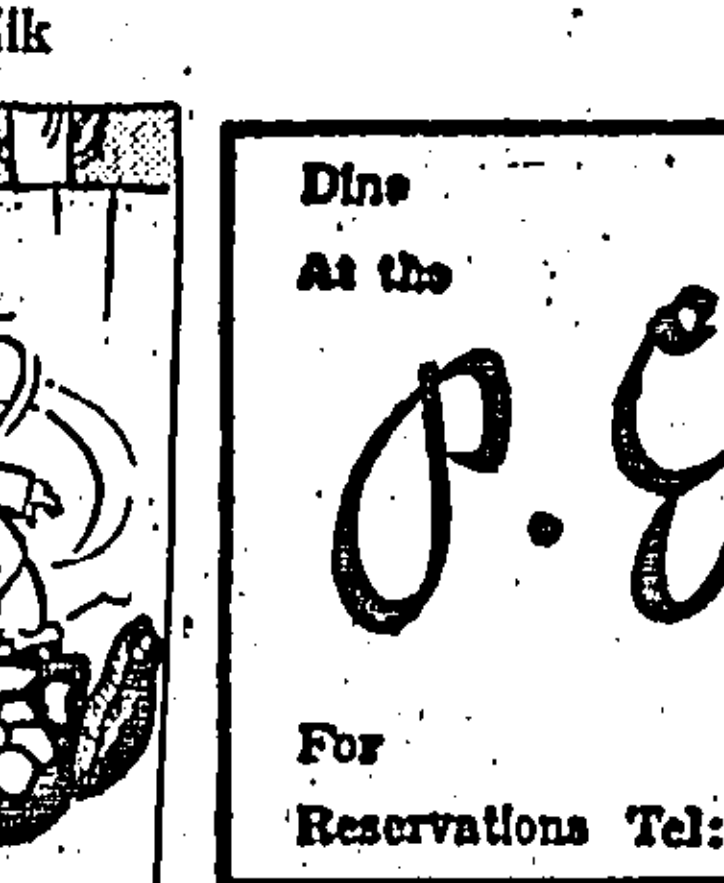
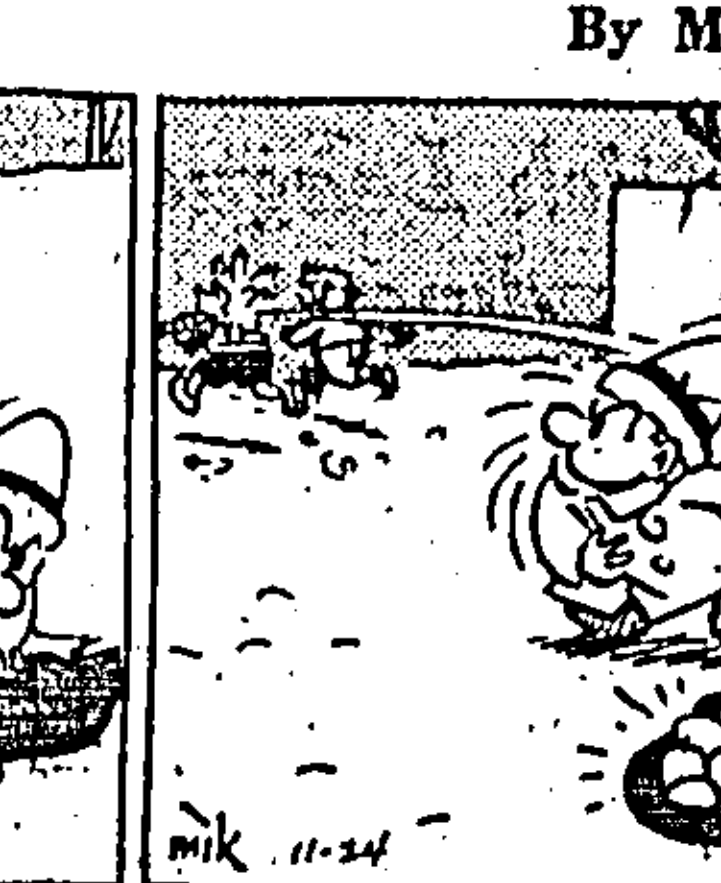
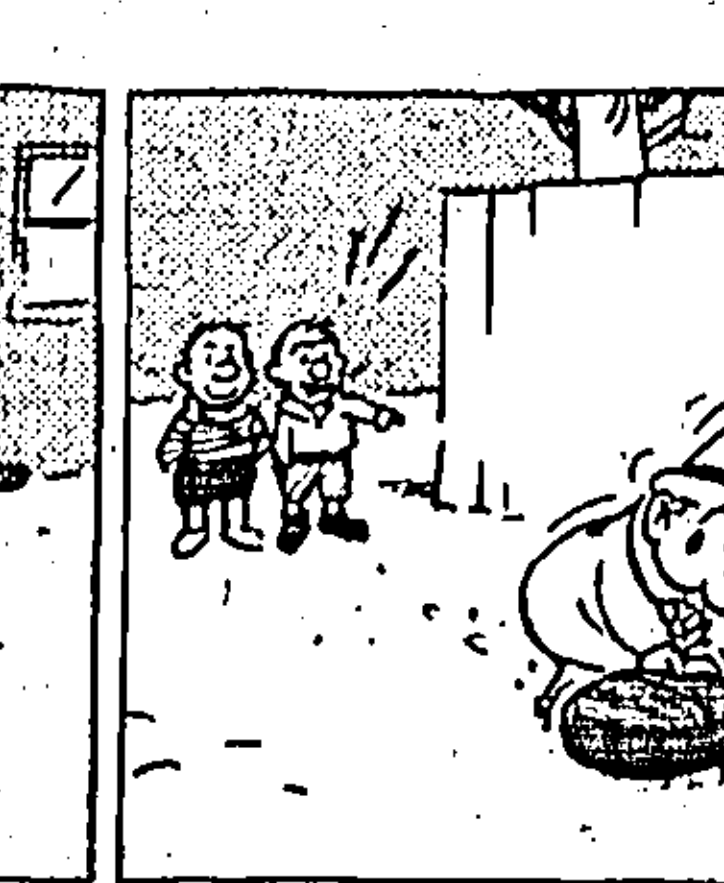
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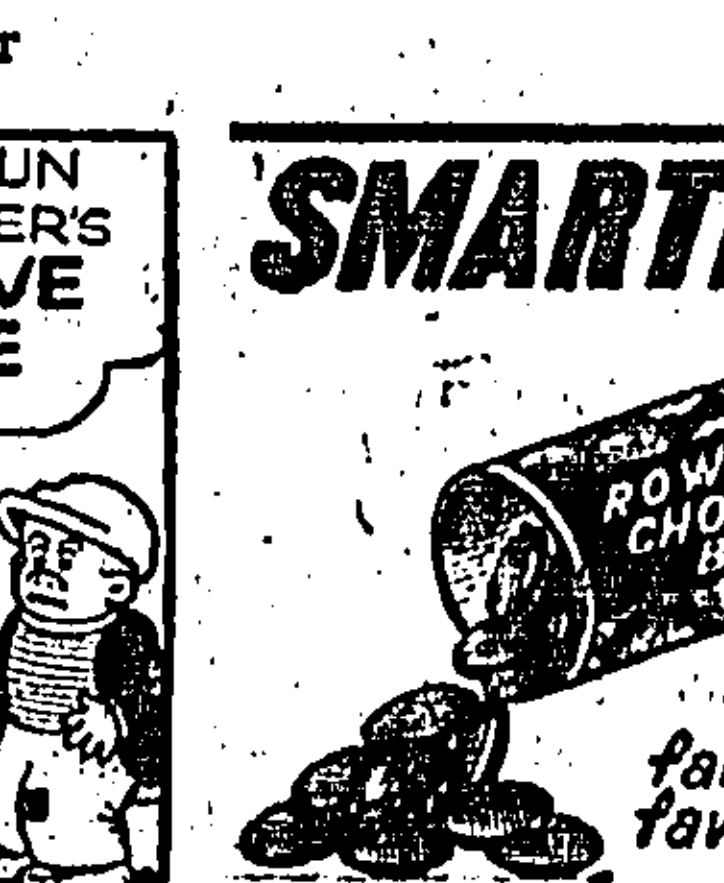
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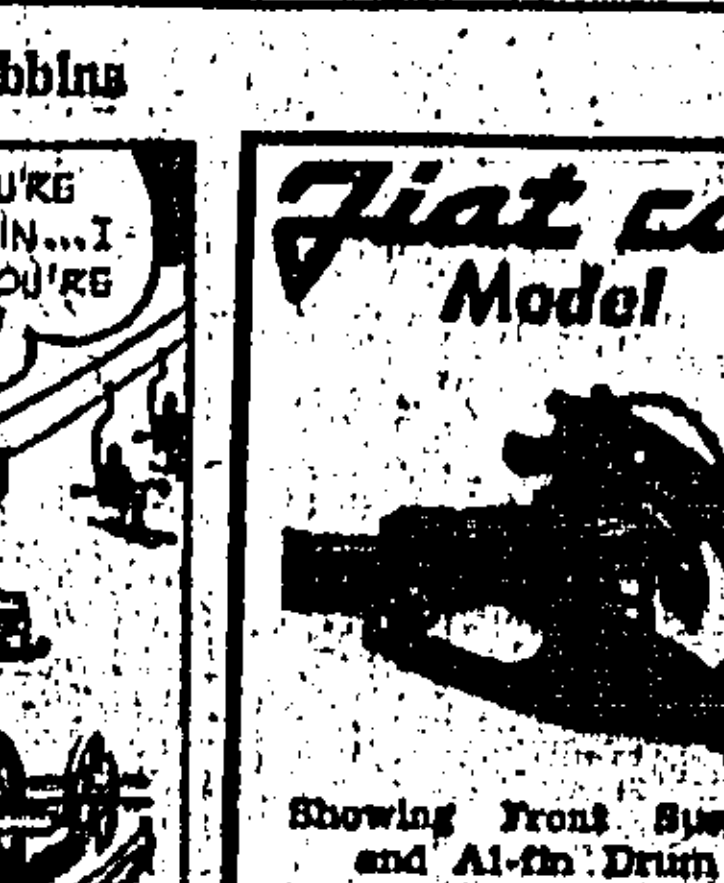
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BRITISH BASE IN BELGIUM

London, Jan. 11. For the first time in history, Britain is to establish a peacetime military base in Belgium. Details of the general agreement between the two countries are announced in a White Paper.

The £8,500,000 base, occupying six square miles near Antwerp, will contain fuel, munitions, and supply dumps, and housing accommodation for at least 300 British families. Some hundreds of British troops have been working for some time in the area between Liege, Herenthals, and Turnhout. Belgian workmen and contractors are operating on the site.

More than 1,000 British troops are expected to be billeted in the area to run the base, which will be Britain's main supply centre for forces on the Continent. Belgian reaction to the setting up of what has already been called "Little Britain" was officially described in London as "friendly."

British and Belgian contributions towards the total cost, under the broad principles laid down by the North Atlantic Treaty obligations, will be decided later.

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America And Wheat Agreement

Washington, Jan. 11.
What is the United States going to do about the International Wheat Agreement?

The pact expires next July 31 unless extended.

Two representatives of the next Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, are conferring with Agriculture Department officials on the question of extending the agreement.

Under it, maximum and minimum prices for wheat in world markets are set and export and import quotas are established. The declared purpose of the agreement is to stabilize world prices and supplies of the grain.

At a meeting last summer, participating countries were unable to get together on terms for an extension. Exporting countries insisted upon higher prices and importing countries resisted.

Another meeting of the participating countries will be held here on January 30. Hence, the position to be taken by this country then must be determined by the incoming Eisenhower administration.

The agreement has been costing the U. S. Government nearly \$200,000,000 a year in subsidies to make its grain available abroad at the agreement prices. Some Congressmen and farm leaders have said this is too much.

Those who are conferring with officials on the agreement are T. D. Moore, of St. Louis, designated to be Under-Secretary of Agriculture, and Karl C. Butler, of Tulsa, New York, a close friend of Mr. Benson who may be named to post in the Department.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$387,400. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HSK Bank 1490 1415 100 @ 1410

East Asia 151

INSURANCES

Underwriters 5.30 000

SHIPPING

Waterboat 14.40 200 @ 14.20

Asia Nav. 1.40

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K. Wharf 91 92 50 @ 91

N. P. Wharf 9.55 9.75

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Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

1/2 dollar (per \$1) 0.5075

Sterling note (per £1) 16.50

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Siamese baht (per 100) 54.20

Singapore dollars (per 100) 18.25

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Gold Price Controversy Is Again Major Issue In Financial World

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Jan. 11.

The gold price controversy again occupies the centre of the world's financial stage. It has made its latest entrance, curiously enough, after the recent Commonwealth Economic Conference—curiously, because the communiqué issued after the conference made no mention whatsoever of the subject.

Nevertheless it is generally assumed that the Prime Ministers devoted a good deal of their time and thought to the question of the price of gold.

And the fact that they chose to remain silent on this topic in their final statement can be explained by the natural desire to say nothing that might prejudice their forthcoming talks on economic policy with Mr. Eisenhower's new Administration.

The assumption is therefore that Mr. Churchill and his colleagues will ask for an increase in the official price of gold—at present \$35 an ounce—when they meet the new U.S. Administration next Spring.

The main argument in favour of such a move is that a higher gold price would automatically increase the value of the gold reserves held in non-dollar countries and thus, by enlarging the stock of international money, enable trade to flow more freely.

But most Americans see the situation quite differently. And it is hardly surprising since an increase in the price of gold would be, from an American point of view, tantamount to a devaluation of the dollar in terms of gold.

Moreover, the Republicans, who are now returning to power in the United States, are the traditional champions of a "sound dollar."

Arguments against

Stiff opposition to any move which they consider likely to make the dollar less "sound" must therefore be expected.

The American arguments against an increase in the price of gold are set out in detail in an article in the current issue of the National City Bank of New York's monthly review.

It begins by assuming 50 per cent increase, bringing the price of gold to \$52 an ounce, and proceeds to examine the effect of this on the value of the non-dollar world's monetary reserves and the output of newly-mined gold.

So far as the Sterling Area is concerned a 50 per cent increase would raise the value of its gold reserves (at their September, 1952 level) from \$2,294 million to \$3,441 million.

The overall increment in the value of monetary stocks held outside the United States would be \$5,400 million.

NEWLY-MINED GOLD

The Bank points out, however, that this "substantial" increase is but a fraction of the amount of dollars supplied to foreign countries through U.S. Government grants in aid since the end of the war.

Turning to newly-mined gold the Bank argues that given a 50 per cent higher price, output might recover in a few years to its 1940 peak (\$1,204 million at \$35 an ounce), thus raising the value of gold production outside the United States to an annual rate of about \$1,600 million.

This would be some \$800 million above the present annual rate, but still far short of the U.S. Government grants in aid of \$4,500 million annually given in the past two years.

Other arguments are produced by the National City Bank of New York in an attempt to show that a higher price for gold would not benefit the non-dollar world as much as some of its advocates believe.

But it is most convincing when it turns its attention to home ground and examines the possible effects of a higher gold price on the United States itself.

INFLATION FEAR

What the United States has to fear from such a move is the possibility of internal inflation.

As the Bank points out "a mark-up in the gold price would provide the U.S. Treasury with a huge windfall 'profit' on its present gold holdings, and in addition would invite a new flood of gold imports paid for by the Treasury at the higher price."

Both would add to the monetary base and provide an enlarged potential for inflation.

The psychological effects might be even more damaging. "It would excite the speculator and shock and dismay the businessman," the Bank says.

And this might lead to a falling off in sales of U.S. savings bonds and increasing redemptions with a resultant "flight of capital" and a hectic search for "hedges" against inflation.

If this is really how the American public would react to

TAIWAN GOODS FOR AMERICA

Taipei, Jan. 11.
A new trade arrangement to allow Taiwan native products to be imported to the United States is expected to come into being soon as a result of negotiations between the United States and the Chinese Nationalist authorities.

Mr. Charles H. de Zevallos, Jr., United States Treasury Department official, is to arrive here today to begin talks with the Nationalist Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Economic Affairs.

Taiwan products have been included in the general United States ban against Chinese products entering the United States.

According to the expected new arrangement, the Chinese Nationalist Government will issue certificates for all commodities to be exported to America, vouching that they were actually Taiwan products and not of Chinese mainland origin.

It was learned that the Chinese Nationalist Government would be willing to accede to the American terms.

France-Press.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Main events on the Stock Exchange during the past week have been—the outstanding success of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's debenture issue and the raising of the National Provincial Bank's dividend.

Both had an important influence on other sections of the market.

Money temporarily locked up in applications for new Anglo-Iranian stock made for fairly quiet conditions early in the week, and some selling of gilt-edged securities, as investors sought to raise money for the initial subscription, caused a slight setback in this section on Monday.

In the event, the Anglo-Iranian issue was heavily over-subscribed. When dealings began on Monday the new stock is expected to open at about 30/—premium.

The National Provincial Bank supplied the other talking point in the markets last week. By raising its dividend from 15 to 16 per cent the Bank became the first of the "Big Five" to increase its dividend since the middle 30's.

GOLDS IN DEMAND

Hopes that other banks which have not yet announced their dividend would follow the National Provincial's lead caused a general advance in bank shares.

Gilt-edged improved after their initial setback and by Wednesday all losses had been regained. This section remained firm during the rest of the week but lack of "follow through" to early demand caused a very slight reaction on Friday and gilt closed lower on the day in several cases.

Interest in the industrial market has again been concentrated on those shares which are subject to "take-over" rumours. Stores were a particularly bright spot but speculative buying later switched to shipping shares. The Stag Line, P. and O. and Cunard all finished higher.

Gold shares have again been in demand, largely through the belief that Mr. Churchill has started negotiations in the United States for an increase in the official price of gold.

Australian lead-zinc shares were a good market and some moderate gains were registered in oil. Copper shares, however, were adversely affected by the uncertainty injected into the market by the forthcoming arbitration.

Textile Crisis In E. Germany

Berlin, Jan. 11.
East Germany today drew attention to a new shortcoming in her hard-pressed economy—a textile crisis.

The Neues Deutschland, newspaper of the Socialist Unity (Communist) party, published an article in which State Secretary Willi Peter Köpcke, a leading official of the Ministry for Light Industries, blamed himself and his Ministry for the shortage.

He said the Ministry had always tried to blame other offices for its mistakes. Heads of departments had failed to meet deliveries in time. The Ministry of Finance had not co-operated.

The Neues Deutschland said East German shops had no warm underwear, winter coats or warm suits for sale when cold weather came earlier than expected.

Supply Minister Hamann faces trial for the breakdown of supplies. Several of his department chiefs have fled to West Germany.—Reuter.

Dullness In Cotton

New York, Jan. 11.
Cotton goods producers, who counted on the New Year to bring a business pick-up, modified their hopes this past week because of the continued weakness in raw cotton prices. Mills, anxious for business into the second quarter, succeeded in booking several million yards of print cloth yarn fabrics at concessions.

March futures fell below the 38-cent line for a cumulative loss of \$17 a bale since September 8. The inability of the raw product to show sustained rallying power also retarded business in cotton yarn. Buyers of knitting counts, especially on combed descriptions, are covered through the first quarter and are skeptical about going beyond that period. Interest in weaving numbers remained sub-normal. In rayon, generally, the market was on the dull side.—United Press.

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JOHN CLARK'S CASEBOOK Men Of The World

THE youths stalked into the dock at Bow Street with exaggerated swagger and put all they knew of insolence (which was a fair amount) into the look they gave the magistrate.

In their every small gesture—the ostentatious shooting of grubby cuffs, the prolonged yawning, the over-the-shoulder glances at the public gallery, there was disdain, scorn, defiance, contempt for their surroundings.

The glances and gestures were components of parts the boys were playing. They aped those of anti-social celluloid heroes; the youths were suffering from a surfeit of third-rate cinema and strip cartoon, and the total effect was that of a melancholy nursery charade.

There could hardly have come into the dock a less engaging couple than these, with their elaborate hair-styles (a bottle-a-day man, one of them looked like a hair cream and their strange, alien clothes. Yet five words said by one, and half a dozen spoken by a policeman of the other, somehow mitigated the unpleasantness.

THEY were charged with a very grand crime—as suspected persons loitering with intent to steal from unattended cars in the Long Acre neighborhood.

"Naht guilty," said Richard, who was 20. The recent was Chicago superimposed on native London.

"Same," said Robert, who was 18.

So two policemen told the magistrate, Mr. Bertram Reece, of a half-hour watch on the pair the night before, during which they had been seen to try door handles on several cars.

"If we wanted to knock anything off out of cars, why didn't we just take 'em?" Richard inquired, when it was question time.

"The officer can't read your mind," the magistrate said.

"I can't read all locked," said the policeman.

"Don't what's de matter wild puttin' de vinder in, eh?" Richard said, aggressively, remembering the accent.

THERE was no official comment on this. He was invited to give evidence.

"What's de use?" he said. "It's all lies, all a carve-up."

"All a what?" the magistrate asked.

But Richard was not going to repeat himself, and he had not quite the nerve to say: "You had me for first time, judge," like a film crook.

Robert did go into the witness-box. He explained that he and his friend had come to central London from their homes in the eastern outskirts, to look at his mother's request, of a flat, but he could not say where the flat was, as it had been their target. Indeed, he was altogether weak on geography, saying: "We looked in a car at Lincoln Field's Inn to see the time, but never did no more till the coppers came up in Bow district."

THE case was found proved, and a police officer went into the box to speak about the charges.

Both had several times been in trouble, both were on licence from Bristol. Of Richard, the officer said: "He lives with a crippled mother and two sisters. His father died 10 years ago."

"He didn't die, he left," cried Richard, with sudden bitter passion. Was it in that unforgotten bitterness the clue to the boy's own failure lay?

Robert's story was told. He earned a £6 weekly wage, and from it gave his widowed mother £3 5s. So he, whose crimes included theft, assault, wilful damage, paid more fairly for his keep than many blameless youths with longer purses do.

"The Commissioners will be consulted regarding your return to Bristol," the magistrate said, and added pointedly, "separate Bristol."

The two youths went out and left us wondering which they really were—apprehended criminals, or fatherless boys taking refuge in crime from their fear of responsibilities that had come upon them at too early an age.

Russia Has 'Automatic' Factories Operating

London, Jan. 11. The first entirely "automatic" factories have begun production in Russia, the Soviet press has revealed.

On January 3, Pravda published a photograph of the first automatic concrete plant in Kuybyshev on the Volga. It has great productive capability, does the work of 1,300 workers and is run by a handful of men.

In a recent article on machine-building published by Pravda, it said that during 1951, Soviet technicians have designed and put into production an automatic plant for the construction of motor cylinders for Soviet trucks. The entire plant is controlled by four men. "At present, Soviet technicians are working on the construction of a great number of very complicated automatic machines for the production of ball bearings and other parts," said the article.

On January 4, Izvestia, the newspaper of the Soviet government, said the use of automation in electric power plants makes possible the smooth running of industrial production with the minimum use of manpower.

It said that automation in production is increasingly used in machine-building, chemicals, textiles, newsprint, food and other branches of industry.

RADICAL CHANGES

Ogoniok, a popular Soviet illustrated weekly, said the birth of automatic factories is bringing about a sharp and radical "change in labour relations in Soviet factories, because the number of workers in such factory is equal to zero."

This is in line with the Soviet tendency to eliminate physical labour as much as possible, the weekly said. "This tendency exists in our industry but does not exist in capitalist countries. There, automatic factories are so far a subject of much idle talk in the press."

In another article, Izvestia said the "automatic control" is now used in Stalin automobile plant in Moscow, at the No. 1 State ball bearing plant and in other machine-building plants.

2 ATTACKS BY REDS

Seoul, Jan. 12. Strong Communist attacks hit two sectors of the Korean battle line early today.

The 8th Army said more than 500 North Korean troops battled in light snow for about two hours against Allied positions northeast of the Punch Bowl, on the eastern front.

The defenders beat them back, killing an estimated 110 North Koreans.

On the western front, about 200 Chinese attacked advanced United Nations positions west of Chorwon between 10.30 last night and three o'clock this morning.

Eight Army defenders held on in spite of Communist artillery and mortar fire and drove the attackers back with heavy casualties.

United Nations Headquarters in Tokyo announced that an estimated 20 Communist companies (about 300 men) last night attacked Allied troops holding Capitol Hill on the central sector. They were beaten off in a 50-minute battle.

The new land-based planes that were able to take off yesterday in murky, overcast weather attacked gun positions and bunkers along the front line, the 8th Air Force said.

Naval planes were unable to fly because of the weather.

The Air Force said Superfortresses from Okinawa and Japan struck at marshalling yards on North Korean railway lines just before and after midnight last night.

Bread Blamed For Food Poisoning

Treviso, N. Italy, Jan. 11. Doctors tonight blamed bread for an outbreak of food poisoning which sent 20 Italians to hospital and claimed nearly 200 other sufferers.

The outbreak of illness was in the villages of Cessalto and Ghirano.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public Nuisance

Sir,—Is there a Government Department in the Shamshuipo whose duty it is to see that pavements are made safe from dirty water falling from upper floors through drain pipes half, or entirely missing below the first floor level, on all the passersby walking along the pavements.

Here with an example: From a point opposite the Rodo House Hotel in Taiipo Road along the pavement and then along Lai-chikok Road, to the Ferry Wharf, in not less than FIVE places dirty water through damaged or missing first floor drain pipes splashes on the footwalk, and was the people walking along the pavements. Why is nothing done to immediately abate this public nuisance, which has been going on for over four months already?

Both Taiipo Road and Lai-chikok Road are main roads with many new modern residential houses, hotels and schools, and yet this glaring neglect of health and cleanliness.

May we hope that this will draw the attention of someone in Authority to see that action is taken forthwith to stop this nuisance in the Shamshuipo (and probably other) areas, too.

Also in several places portions of the pavements are broken and parts missing for years now, and in several other places in the middle of the footwalks some 10/12 inches high little mountains of petrified asphalt left over from road-making, have been left, over which the people stumble and one day will break their head or limbs. Nobody in Power seems to care?

SHAMSHUPO CITIZEN.

Down Memory Lane

Sir,—I am indeed sorry to hear of the impending discontinuance of "Down Memory Lane." It is one of the few good features of Radio Hongkong and one which my entire family, including teenage children, rarely miss.

D. E. REMEDIOS.

New Atomic Weapons

Washington, Jan. 11. The Deputy Defence Secretary, William Foster, said today the military had developed "many atomic weapons including a giant 280 m.m. atomic cannon."

He said the Korean war provided the nation with a reserve of combat-hardened veterans who would be available for service in any future emergency.

Mr. Foster also revealed that the Air Force expects to be getting delivery of 800 planes a month by next spring—more than six times the number it was getting in 1950.

He made the statements in a radio interview but did not elaborate on his assertion that "we have developed many means of delivering atomic energy in terms of weapons" including an atomic cannon which, he said, can do not only atomic shells but also high explosives.

He said total United States military supplies of equipment increased 60 per cent since the Korean war began with Air Force plane deliveries jumping from 130 a month in 1950 to over 650 a month now. He added: "We hope by next spring to have that figure at over 800 per month, and that is for the Air Force alone."

SALESWOMAN'S MISSION

London, Jan. 11. Elderly Mrs. Elizabeth Pictor-Howell, widow of a Navy officer, is on her way from England to Malaya to sell electric cookers to Malaysians who have always cooked their rice in a kuali—a utensil fitted into a clay-lined charcoal bucket.

There will soon be a market for electric cookers, however, as two power stations are being opened next month, one at Singapore and the other near Kuala Lumpur.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

(1) The six scores can only have been 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

(2) I must have won one match, so G, with the same result, must have won two.

(3) The totals (for and against) of A and B exceed those of C and D, so the table can now be completed.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Your mother will miss the tree—we'll have to be extra nice to her till she gets used to the vacant place where it brightened everything up!"

CRITICISM HELD NOT LIBELLOUS

Manila, Jan. 12. The Court of the First Instance today dismissed a libel charge filed against the acid-tongued Mayor of Manila, Arsenio Lacson, for a blistering radio attack he made last year on a judge.

Dismissal of the suit marked the second legal victory in three days for Lacson and probably assured his return to the office from which he was suspended by President Quirino last October.

Judge Magno Galmanan of the Court of the First Instance granted Lacson's motion for acquittal in the libel case. The judge ruled that the prosecution had failed to prove that Lacson was motivated by malice in criticising Judge Agustin Montano, also of the Court of the First Instance and the complainant.

In a radio broadcast, Lacson called Montano "incompetent" and an "ignoramus" for rendering a decision acquitting a former high police official on a charge which Lacson had been instrumental in filing—United Press.

No Trace Of Missing Plane

Manila, Jan. 12. The contingent of air-sea rescue patrol planes, which combed the Mindoro-Manila area the whole day on Sunday for the light plane piloted by the Manila businessman, Thomas Frail, would not find any trace of the missing aircraft.

The missing plane, a single engine Swift-125, was on its way to Manila last Friday after leaving the Cebu Airport.

There were indications that the plane might have developed engine trouble in the air.

Typhoons And The At-Bomb

Manila, Jan. 12. Typhoons cannot be caused, or prevented, by atomic explosions, it was announced by Dr. Harry Wexlar, the Chief of the Scientific Services Division of the United States Weather Bureau.

His statement came in the wake of local fears that the typhoons, which devastated the Philippines in 1952, were caused by the various explosions in the tests of atomic and hydrogen bombs in several Pacific atolls.

TASIKMALAJA CASE SEQUEL

Provisional Leave To Appeal To Privy Council Granted

Provisional leave to appeal to the Privy Council was granted by the Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, and the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, this morning in the case concerning the steamer Tasikmalaja, now lying under arrest at Kowloon Docks. Security of \$5,000 was also ordered to be lodged with the Court.

The appellants were Juan Ysmal and Co., Inc. (of Manila), who appealed against the decision of the Full Court in reversing the decision of Mr. Justice C.W. Reece, Puisne Judge, who had dismissed motions brought by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia.

The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, and Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. M.A. de Silva, appeared for the appellants.

The respondents, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, were represented by Mr. D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr. P.J. Griffiths.

Matters concerning costs arising from the litigation heard thus far were also dealt with this morning. Counsel for the parties agreed that certain costs should be reserved, certain paid by the Indonesian Government, and the remaining portion between Juan Ysmal and Co. (four-fifths), and Anthony Loh, trading as A.W. King, of Telephone House (one-fifth). The latter (who had brought a claim for \$25,580 against the Tasikmalaja for ship's necessities), was represented by Mr. Charles E. Loebeby, QC, instructed by Stewart and Co.

Mr. Justice Reece had dismissed motions brought by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia in connection with the Tasikmalaja. The Indonesian Government sought to set aside the writ of summons and all subsequent proceedings in two actions brought by different parties against the Tasikmalaja on grounds that the Government had been implicated.

The Full Court, reversing Mr. Justice Reece's decision, held that the proceedings implicated the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, and awarded them judgment.

Both the Indonesian Government and Juan Ysmal and Co. claim a right to the Tasikmalaja.

\$100 Fine For Assault

Chan Sam, a 41-year-old unlicensed hawk, residing at the staircase of No. 1, East Street, Quarry Bay, was fined \$100 or four weeks and bound over the \$500 for two years, by Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning for assaulting Chan Pong, and causing bodily harm.

Insp. Pope, prosecuting, stated that on January 2, defendant tossed Chan's wife by kissing her face during the husband's absence. When the husband returned she told him of the defendant's conduct. Chan Pong then went to see the defendant at his residence and slapped him for tossing his wife. Later in the day, defendant and another man came to Chan Pong's house and assaulted him, for revenge.

The Police were notified, but neither Chan Sam, nor his companion could be located.

On January 10, defendant reported to the Police and surrendered himself.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.00, Children's Hour presented by Billy Ann (Studio); 6.30, Portuguese (London Studio); 7.00, The World News and News Talk (London Studio); 7.15, London Studio Medley; 7.30, The Melodrama presented by George Melachrino with the Peter Knight Singers (BBC); 7.45, The World's Weather Report; 8.00, The World's Weather Report; 8.15, The World's Weather Report; 8.30, The World's Weather Report; 8.45, The World's Weather Report; 9.00, The World's Weather Report; 9.15, The World's Weather Report; 9.30, The World's Weather Report; 9.45, The World's Weather Report; 10.00, The World's Weather Report; 10.15, The World's Weather Report; 10.30, The World's Weather Report; 10.45, The World's Weather Report; 11.00, The World's Weather Report; 11.15, The World's Weather Report; 11.30, The World's Weather Report; 11.45, The World's Weather Report; 12.00, The World's Weather Report.

Smart Work By Chinese Detective

Appearing at Kowloon Court this morning on a stretcher, a 35-year-old unemployed Macao, Mok Yuen, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment by Mr. D.F. O'Reilly-Mayne for house-breaking and larceny, and assaulting a Police officer.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the last charge.

The Chinese detective who apprehended the defendant was praised by the Magistrate for the way in which he had handled the case.

According to the Prosecution, the defendant and another man came to Hongkong on December 13 from Macao. They went to a hotel in Nam Shan Street, and after a while they left for Muk Lin Ha Village.

Here they approached one of the huts and opened the window. Taking an eight-foot bamboo pole, they lifted various articles of clothing from the hut. When they had finished they went to a hut under construction and put on some of the stolen clothing.

As they were approaching another hut, they were accosted by two detective police constables on patrol.

DPC 341 in giving his evidence said that on the night of the incident, he saw the two men and asked them to stop. They said that they were going to the Lee Wah Mui Factory to seek employment, but he became suspicious and told them to raise their hands.

As they did so, the defendant struck the Police officer, and the two men started to flee. The defendant threw stones at the pursuing policeman, who shouted that they would shoot if they did not stop. As the two men did not heed their warning, the witness fired three shots into the air. The two men did not take any notice, so he shot the defendant in the leg.

TRAIN SMASH IN C. LUZON

Manila, Jan. 12. Twenty-seven persons were injured, six of them seriously, when a Manila Railway Company locomotive smashed a motor-powered passenger train in a head-on collision at San Fernando in Central Luzon yesterday.

The train was almost totally wrecked and it took rescue parties almost an hour to remove victims from the smashed coaches.

Police Search For Seaman

Amsterdam, Jan. 11. Britain has asked Dutch police to search for a 21-year-old Dutch seaman in connection with the murder of the 10-year-old Patricia Curran, daughter of an Irish judge, police sources said tonight.

The seaman's name was given as Bertold Schulteme. Police said he deserted from his ship last year and was found in Britain at the end of November. He is wanted for questioning.

Patricia Curran was found dead from knife wounds in the grounds of her house six miles from Belfast.

From The Files

100 Years Ago

We insert a reply from the Colonial Surgeon to a remark in our last issue. The letter, bearing today's date, has reached us at the last moment, thus precluding the possibility of satisfying ourselves as to the remarkable zeal manifested by the Colonial Surgeon on this occasion, contrasted with the equally remarkable indifference manifested when smallpox broke out in Hongkong last year.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Hongkong, 13th January, 1953.

Sir,—The columns of your paper issued last Thursday, make allusion I presume to the clipper ship the Witch of the Wave, and in connection therewith contain assertions which are calculated to produce very general but unfounded alarm. It is true that the vessel alluded to put into this port on her way from St. Francisco to Shanghai, with small-pox on board. Her anchor was hardly down at sunset before the Harbour-master apprised me of her infected state, and consulted me concerning the measures of prevention which the circumstances demanded. The American Consul was also most prompt in his exertions in the matter. He sent very prompt orders to the Captain to confine his crew on board. Early on the morning following her arrival here, a police boat was alongside to prevent all but necessary communication with the shore, and the Colonial Surgeon went on board to see that the necessary measures for removing the infected cases from the ship and placing it in the most complete isolation. The quarantine restrictions were continued as long as they were deemed necessary. The result of these measures is, that the patient—the second officer of the ship—has completely recovered, and the disease has been most effectually prevented from spreading. There existed in the adopted isolation quarters of the town, previously to the occurrence of the events detailed above, a few cases of small-pox, but the Colony, usually so much invaded by the disease at this season of the year, is most remarkably free from it at this present time. Thus it appears that your "public zeal led you into error both in spirit and in fact—I am sir, your obedient servant."

ASIATIC SOCIETY

At the monthly Meeting of the China Branch of the Asiatic Society held at their rooms on Wednesday, after the nomination and election of new members, the following gentlemen were appointed Executive Officers for the year 1953:

President, H. E. Dr. Bowring; Vice-Presidents, The Lord Bishop of Victoria, Hon. W. T. Mercer, Council, J. C. Bowring, W. H. Medhurst, P. D. Margeson; Treasurer, Robert Rimmer; Secretary, Andrew Shortridge.

Dr. Bowring read extracts from the writings—both in prose and verse—of Commissioner Lin, and gave many curious particulars of the early life and studies of that remarkable man. A paper was also read on the Eagle, or Great Tidal Flow of waters in Japan, as witnessed by Dr. Macgavran of Ningpo, the writer of the paper, which gave many particulars of sundry great invasions of the "Well of Waters," and of the superstitions connected therewith. The paper was referred to the Committee of Publication. The President announced that further communications were promised on the subject of ancient porcelain bottles—that he had caused enquiries to be instituted as to the extent, causes, and consequences of infantile leprosy in China—and that there was reason to anticipate any deficiency of a supply of interesting matter from sundry quarters.

FRATAS SALVAGE

Two weeks ago we made some remarks on the reported wreck on the Fratas Shoal, and the morning after they appeared, H. M. Steamer Hermes was despatched to the scene, whence she returned on the evening of the 6th, with several hundred more bales of cotton from the Charlotte, which after all proved to be only the wreck on the Fratas; and though three months have elapsed since the ill-fated salvage of that vessel, we make no still hold together, with such a reminder of cargo as would even yet compensate for the expense and risk of a visit.